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BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR!

Japanese Squadron Makes Determined Attack on Russian Stronghold---Captures Seven Warships and Sinks a Number of Others--Russian Bank Building Destroyed--Great Rejoicing in the City of Tokio--Fall of Port Arthur Is Imminent.

London, Feb. 12:---In a despatch from Nagasaki dated Feb. 10th, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "There has been a renewed attack on Port Arthur. The Japanese captured seven Russian ships and chased others.

"There have been disturbances at Port Arthur in which a number of Japanese civilians were killed or imprisoned.

"A Chinese mob has destroyed the telegraph line around New Chang."

In a despatch from Shanghai dated Feb. 12, 2 a. m., a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "The bombardment of Port Arthur continues. Three Russian cruisers have been sunk. The Russian bank building has been destroyed."

London, Feb. 11.—A despatch to the Vossiche Zeitung from Yokohama says the greater number of the Russian warships at Port Arthur have already been disabled, and that several Japanese warships have been sent home for repairs.

It was said at the foreign office here this evening that the assertion of the Novoe Vremya of St. Petersburg that the Japanese fleet in its attack on Port Arthur used Wei-Hai-Wei as a base for its attack on Port Arthur is absolutely untrue.

The British proclamation of neutrality is a lengthy document, is on the usual lines and covers all the British Dominions.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of Reuter's Telegraph Company cables that the naval headquarters staff there announce that in the fight at Port Arthur six Japanese ships were slightly damaged, and fifty Japanese were killed and 150 wounded.

A despatch to the St. James Gazette from Tokio under today's date says there are great rejoicings here at the successes of the Japanese navy. The public buildings, residences and business houses are decorated with flags. Bunting is to be seen everywhere. Tokio wears the aspect of a city of conquerors. A number of Russian blue jackets who swam ashore after the Japanese attack on the Variag and the Kotietz, have been made prisoners. Reports from Chemulpo say that both the Variag and the Kotietz hoisted the white flag at the last moment.

The St. James Gazette's correspondent at Chefoo cables that in anticipation of the return of the enemy's fleet, the Russians at Port Arthur are adopting extra defensive measures. Workmen and troops are taking down high brick buildings which it was feared would ... and cause loss of life in the event of a Japanese bombardment.

The report that Russia is attempting to arrange with Turkey to permit the Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles is revived and it is added that Russia is trying to secure Great Britain's consent. There is no authoritative confirmation of the report.

The question of the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black Sea fleet has not been raised at the foreign office, where the following statement was made to the Associated Press: "Russia has not asked permission for the passage of warships through the Dardanelles. If Russia should attempt any such thing without asking permission it would constitute a breach of the treaty on the subject."

With regard to United States Secretary of State Hay's note to the powers on the neutrality and integrity of China, the British government, the Foreign Office says, sees no reason why the proposition regarding China proper should not be joined in by all the powers, but the government shares the views of Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, in regard to Manchuria, as expressed in these despatches yesterday.

At the Japanese legation tonight no great importance was attached to the report that the Russian Baltic squadron is going to the Far East. It was explained that even were the report true, the fleet would not reach the scene of operations under six weeks, by which time the situation might have changed materially. In any case it was said, the Japanese navy would be quite ready to meet the ships.

It was also pointed out at the legation that since Great Britain has declared her neutrality, and as most of the coaling ports east of Suez are British, the Russian men-of-war will experience great difficulty in coaling, and be hindered by the necessity of having colliers accompany them.

London, Feb. 12.—Statements of all kinds concerning the Port Arthur fight are published here this morning.

According to the Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail, the lack of preparation on the part of the Russians at Port Arthur was due to the fact that all the naval and military officers were attending a circus performance in Port Arthur, which did not terminate until early Tuesday morning.

According to the correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald at Chefoo, the Japanese torpedo boats by a ruse. They used the Russian flash light signals. This correspondent adds three Japanese torpedo boats were sunk with great loss of life.

A correspondent of the Standard at Tokio sends in this morning an entirely new account of the Port Arthur encounter. He says Admiral Togo's fleet arrived on Monday night and found the Russian squadron drawn up in battle formation outside the harbor and under the shadow of the forts, the destroyers being spread out in front over a distance of five miles.

Admiral Togo decided to attack at night, and opened fire at 11 o'clock. While the cannonade was the hottest, a number of Japanese torpedo boats crept along close in shore, and succeeded in the darkness in getting between the Russian ships and the land. Here they lay unnoticed until the Russians began to give way before the Japanese fire, and sought to re-enter the harbor. The Japanese torpedo boats then opened fire at comparatively close range and sunk two battleships and one cruiser close to the entrance of the harbor. The effect of the coup was the retreat of the remainder of the squadron into the harbor.

FIVE JAPANESE VESSELS ENGAGED RUSSIANS AT CHEMULPO.

Paris, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Petit Parisien from Tokio, says the Japanese squadron which engaged the Variag and Korientz at Chemulpo consisted of five vessels. The Japanese admiral has sent no information concerning the losses and injuries inflicted upon the Japanese.

The correspondent says also that Great Britain has sent seventy men to Shan Hai Kwan to guard the railroad.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—Tokio witnessed a smaller Mafeking celebration tonight. Thousands of students paraded the streets accompanied by many bands of music and carrying torches, flags, colored lanterns and transparencies emblazoned with war pictures. National airs were sung and cheers were continually given. The various processions surrounded the palace wall and visited the government offices.

The Russian legation overlooks a square where the thousands of people had assembled to witness the celebration of the Japanese victory, but the windows of the legation were darkened. The crowds are orderly and sober.

British residents of Tokio were cheered wherever they appeared.

UNITED STATES DECLARES ITS NEUTRALITY.

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt signed the proclamation declaring the neutrality of the United States government in the Russo-Japanese war at 3:58 this afternoon.

Secretary Hay has been officially notified by both Russia and Japan of the existence of war and from both have had requests that the United States remain neutral. The Japanese notification was delivered today through Minister Takashira when he called upon Secretary Hay at the state department. The minister stated that he had been instructed to inform the secretary of state that the Emperor of Japan had issued on the 10th of this month a rescript declaring war against Russia. He said he also was instructed to express the hope of his government that the necessary measures might be adopted by the United States government in order to make the neutrality effective. The two requests will serve as a basis of the forthcoming neutrality proclamation.

Suez, Egypt, Feb. 11.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamer Czaretza and a torpedo boat have arrived here.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—It is officially announced that Admiral Alexieff has been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces in the Far East.

The minister of finance has issued a communication in which it warns the people against becoming panic-stricken and sacrificing securities, as they benefit only the speculators. The ministry exhorts the people to remain calm and collected regarding events in the Far East, which, while they may create temporary difficulties, cannot shake Russia's economic power. It points out that stocks fell at the outbreak of the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, but that within a fortnight quotations recovered. These experiences, it says, is now being repeated.

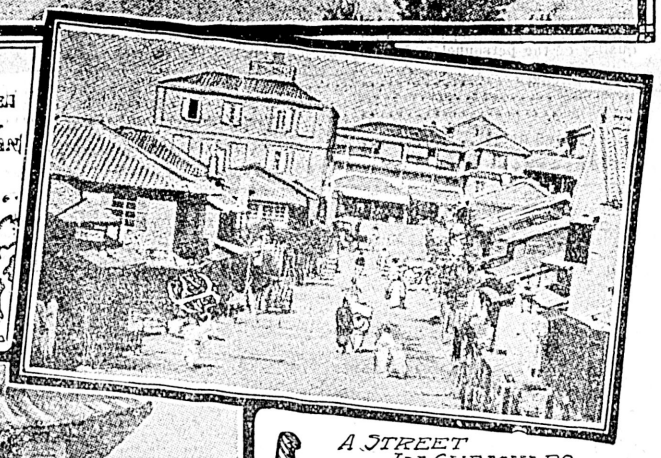
Orders have been issued for the formation of a third Siberian army corps and a trans-Balkan division of Cossacks. These will be incorporated in the Manchurian army.

Is It War With France?

London, Feb. 11.—At Lloyd's today 30 per cent. was paid to insure against the risk of war between France and Great Britain within six months. Yesterday the rate was 20 per cent. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announces that the steamer Inaba Maru arrived safely at Hongkong this morning.

Scene of the Sinking of the Russian Cruiser Variag

HARBOR OF CHEMULPO.
FROM THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS



A STREET IN CHEMULPO.

PROTECTING THE LEGATIONS AT SEOUL.
FROM BLACK AND WHITE.

COMPARISON OF NAVIES.

By including all the available ships of both powers above 4,000 tons displacement, a comparison is reached which is much in the favor of Russia:

Russia.	Ships.	Tons.	Spd.	Gs.
Battleships. ..	22	245,114	17.1	313
Ar. cruisers...	6	58,451	19.4	123
Prtd. cruisers..	7	44,015	21.2	76
	35	347,580	18.	512
Japan—				
Battleships ...	7	92,630	18.4	108
Ar. cruisers ..	8	73,686	21.3	138
Prtd. cruisers..	7	31,500	20.6	84
	22	197,816	19.8	330

By "heavy guns" is meant all guns of 4.7 inch bore and upward.

Naval Reinforcements

London, Feb. 11.—In a despatch from Copenhagen a correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Russian Baltic squadron of fifteen warships passed through Danish waters today, en route for the Far East, around Cape Skagon, but as a fierce storm was raging in the North Sea the Russian admiral ordered the squadron through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal."

RUSSIAN PRESS IS BITTER AT GREAT BRITAIN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—Repeating the charges that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was made from Wei Hai Wei, on the north of the Shang Tung peninsula, the Novoe Vremya today bitterly assails Great Britain.

"In allowing Japan to use the harbor as a basis of operations," says the Novoe Vremya, "Great Britain violated the fundamental principles of neutrality. Wei Hai Wei must be regarded henceforth as part of Japanese territory, and Great Britain has forfeited the right to participate in any deliberations over the eventual fate of the harbor."

The Novoe Vremya further holds that the case is analogous to that of the Alabama, and says Russia is entitled to demand compensation from Great Britain for the losses.

The rigid censorship still prevents the newspapers this afternoon from receiving war news from either Russian or foreign sources.

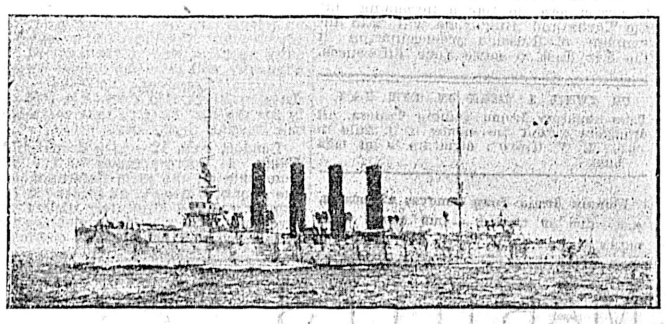
RUSSIA IS ANXIOUS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—All the Russian navigation companies having vessels in Far Eastern waters are anxious about their fate. The volunteer fleet is particularly concerned regarding the Ekaterinsky, which left Vladivostock on February 4th, and the Voronj, which left Shanghai laden for Singapore on February 1st. No news of either vessel has been received.

The tone of the press comments today is most bitter against the Japanese, which is perhaps significant. The report circulated here that the United States has offered her good services is commented upon only by the Nesti, which emphasizes the previous statement that intervention is impossible, and says it doubts whether the offer of good services in the strictest sense would have any result. It adds that it considers it strange that the United States has made a distinction between China and Korea, which, it points out, is also an independent country.

RUSSIANS ARE CHEERED BY FAKE REPORTS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—All manner of rumors are afloat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, forbidding the sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette. The government expressed great displeasure at the publication of the report of a Russian victory, thus raising false hopes among the population. According to one report here, the Russian armored cruiser Gromoboi recently sailed out of Vladivostock, destroyed twenty Japanese transports off southern Korea and was herself sunk by a Japanese cruiser. Another story claimed that four of the Vladivostock warships, under Admiral Stackelberg, had sunk four Japanese transports. The report of the sinking of the Russian cruiser Variag off Chemulpo was received. Still another was to the effect that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was a feint to protect the passage of the transports bound to Shan Ki Kwang to land Japanese troops there, and effect a junction with the forces of Yuen Shi Kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, and attack the Russians in the rear.



The Russian Cruiser Variag, Sunk at Chemulpo

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Proclamation Of Neutrality

Governor General Issues Notification to British Subjects on Eastern War.

Protection Asked For Canadian Missionaries at Work in Korea.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—A telegram was received today by the secretary of state from Rev. E. A. McCurdy, of Halifax on behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. It urges the government to take steps to see that protection is afforded to Canadian Presbyterian missionaries in Korea. The secretary of state at once cabled the British consul at Seoul a request that the missionaries at Wonsan and Song Chin be afforded protection against mistreatment during the war. Wonsan and Song Chin are in the districts in which hostilities between Japan and Russia will be conducted before long. At Wonsan the Canadian missionaries are: Rev. W. R. Foote, Rev. D. MacRae, Miss Louise McCully and Miss K. McMillan, M. D. At Song Chin there are Rev. R. Grierson, M. D., and Rev. A. F. Robb.

The Eddy Company have all their machines at work and claim to have all the men they require.

In official circles nothing has been heard of the story that Canada intends garrisoning Halifax and Esquimalt with the Royal Canadian Artillery so as to relieve the Imperial troops. At the colonial conference in London, Canada offered to garrison both these points and the offer was refused.

An extra of the Canada Gazette issued late this afternoon contains the following notice, signed by the secretary of state: "His Excellency the Governor-General has received a telegram from the secretary of state for the colonies drawing attention to His Majesty's proclamation of neutrality on the occasion of the war between Japan and Russia. The proclamation has not yet come to hand. In the meantime His Excellency the Governor-General hereby charges and commands all subjects of His Majesty within the Dominion to observe strict neutrality in and during the aforesaid war and to abstain from violating or contravening either the laws and statutes of the realm in that behalf or the law of nations in relation thereto. Attention is also directed to the requirements of the Foreign Enlistment act and the rules based thereon. All British subjects are warned against any transgression of the same.

"The following rules are declared to be in force forthwith.

"Rule A. No ships of war of either belligerent may use British waters as places of resort for warlike purposes or equipment, or may leave British waters until twenty-four hours after a ship of either belligerent whether a ship of war or a merchant ship.

"Rule B. Every such ship of war shall be required to put to sea within twenty-four hours after entering unless in event of stress of weather or necessity for repairs or provisions, in which case it must leave as soon as possible and certainly within twenty-four hours of completion of repairs.

"Rule B is subject to Rule A, and time may be extended accordingly. No supplies to be allowed beyond provisions and subsistence for the crew necessary for immediate use, nor coal beyond what can take the ship to the nearest port of its own country. No ship can coal in any British port twice within three months. No prizes can be brought into British waters.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

First Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Organization Held at Toronto Yesterday.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The first annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in Canada was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church yesterday. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Mrs. Mortimer Clark; president, Mrs. B. S. Smellie; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. C. Cochrane, Mrs. J. F. McCurdy, Mrs. H. M. Parsons, Mrs. J. H. Thom, Mrs. Lindsay; recording secretary, Miss Inglis; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. W. E. Long and Mrs. R. S. Scott.

Toronto District Labor Council tonight passed a resolution that the legislative committee of this council interview the Ontario government and call upon them to exercise such authority as will guarantee justice and fair play to members of trade unions who have the misfortune to be arraigned before Police Magistrate Denison, of Toronto.

Michael J. O'Neill, foreman of the coroner's jury, was committed for trial today for soliciting a bribe from Mr. McMurchy, C. P. R. counsel. The jury met tonight and protested against the implication that they were open to bribery.

JUBILEE PROCLAIMED.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Pope Pius has issued an encyclical dated February 2nd, proclaiming a jubilee for February 15th, the anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the immaculate conception and granting three months' indulgences.

AMERICAN BARK WRECKED.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 11.—The American bark Lillian, Capt. Campbell, from Philadelphia, February 2nd, for Charleston, struck on the reefs yesterday afternoon and the crew abandoned her. Tugs are endeavoring to tow the vessel to St. George, but it is doubtful if they will be successful.

A CHANCE TO GET EVEN.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—In diplomatic circles here the fear is increasing that the Turks and Bulgarians will take advantage of Russia's pre-occupation in the Far East to settle their differences.

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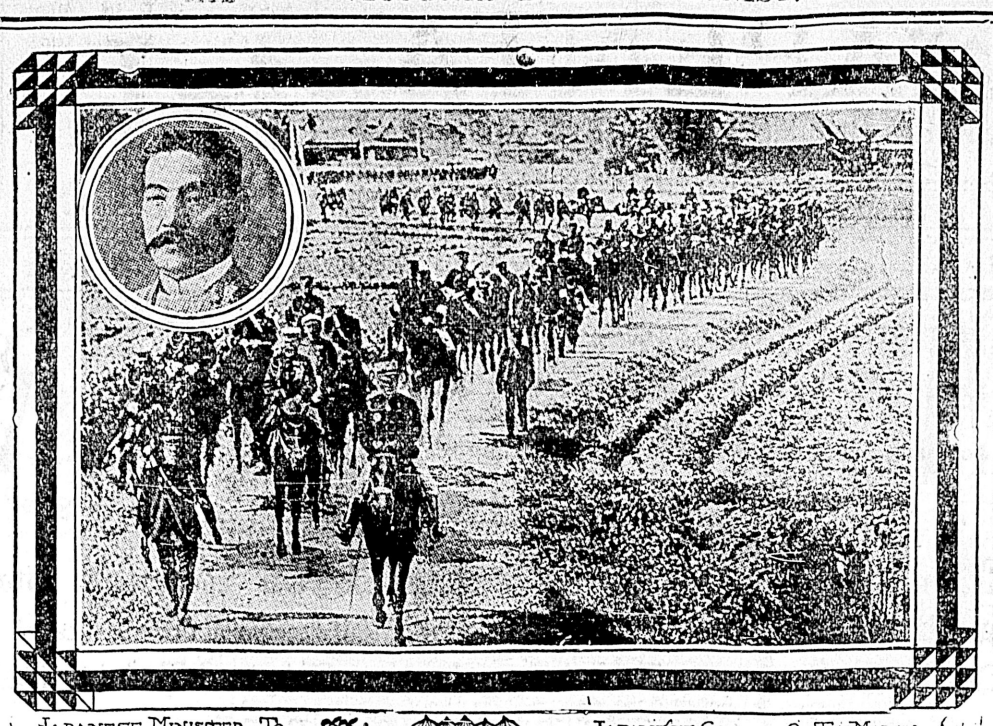

JAPANESE MINISTER TO ST. PETERSBURG, M. KURINO.

JAPANESE CAVALRY ON THE MARCH. FROM BLACK & WHITE

Bombarding Port Arthur

(Continued From Page One.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.—The Czar today received a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff describing the damage done to the Russian warships during the bombardment by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur. It says: "The Czarevitch and Pallada were brought into the harbor Tuesday. The Retvisan is making temporary repairs to a hole. Repairs to the battleships are so complicated that it is difficult to say when they will be ready."

"The Pallada and Novik will be docked in turn and we expect them to be ready in a fortnight. All the other vessels injured are now repairing and coaling in the harbor. I expect them to be ready in three days. The wounded officers, Lieut.-Colonel Zaiontchkovsky of the artillery corps and Lieut. Petrof, are doing well. Four of the wounded have died. A majority of the injured belonged to the cruiser Pallada, and their injuries are due to gases from the explosion of a melinite torpedo. A careful search by cruisers and torpedo boats day and night have not revealed the presence of the enemy."

It is officially announced that no news has been received here of the fight at Chemulpo, the landing of Japanese or the blowing up of a bridge on the Manchuria railroad.

Students uniformed and bareheaded this afternoon paraded in front of the Kasan cathedral and went to the Winter palace. They were followed by several thousand persons singing the national anthem.

The assistant chief of police thanked the students for their evidence of patriotism, but he requested them to no longer disturb the Czar. The people returned singing to the cathedral.

Serious disturbances are reported to have broken out at Reval, the fortress seaport on the Gulf of Finland. Four companies of soldiers are said to have been despatched to suppress the riots. The disturbances are believed to be connected with labor troubles.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The general staff announces the receipt of a telegram from the Russian minister resident in China saying that the cable from Vladivostock to Nagasaki, the telegraph line from Seoul to Masampho, and the telegraph line from Seoul to Wonsan are broken.

The bitterness against Great Britain is assuming almost alarming proportions. The supposition that Great Britain evacuated Wei-Hai-Wei to give Japan a base, has called out the deepest indignation, which has been still further inflamed by the publication of a "blue book" on Thibet, containing the offensive language of Lord Lansdowne.

The first authentic news of the fighting at Caemulpo has been printed here vaguely and without details. The admiralty has issued specific orders that no telegrams from the Far East, either for private persons, newspapers or news agencies will be transmitted. The admiralty will give out official reports.

Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet, has left quietly for the Far East to take command of the Russian fleet there.

London, Feb. 12.—In a despatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Times comments on the grim determination of the Japanese people, as evidenced by the expeditious and absolutely undemonstrative manner in which the mobilization of troops has everywhere been carried out.

A TYPICAL GROUP OF RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS. FROM THE KING.

The correspondent is of the opinion that Major-General Baron Kodama will be in command of the Japanese land operations.

The following is the text of the Imperial rescript declaring war against Russia, which was issued in Japan yesterday:

"We, by the grace of heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the throne, occupied by the same dynasty since time immemorial, hereby make proclamation to all our loyal and brave subjects as follows:

"We hereby declare war against Russia, and we command our army and navy to carry on hosilities against her, in obedience to their duty, with all their strength, and we also command all our competent authorities to make every effort in pursuance of their duties to attain to the national aim with all the means within the limits of the law of nations.

"We have always deemed it essential in international relations and have made it our constant aim to promote the pacific progress of our empire in civilization, to strengthen our friendly ties with other states and to establish a state of things which would maintain enduring peace in the Far East and assure the future security of our dominion without injury to the riches or interests of other powers. Our competent authorities have also performed their duties in obedience to our will. So that our relations with all the powers had been steadily growing in cordiality. It was thus entirely against our expectation that we would have unhappily to begin hostilities against Russia. The integrity of Korea is a matter of the gravest concern to this empire, not only because of our traditional relations with the country, but because the separate existence of Korea is essential to the safety of our realm. Nevertheless, Russia, in disregard of her solemn treaty pledges to China and her repeated assurances to other powers, is still in occupation of Manchuria, has consolidated and strengthened her hold on those provinces and is bent upon their final annexation. And, since the absorption of Manchuria by Russia would render it impossible to maintain the integrity of China, and would, in addition, compel the abandonment of all hope of peace in the Far East, we were determined in those circumstances to settle the question by negotiations and to secure this by permanent peace. This object in view, our competent authorities, by our order, made proposals to Russia and frequent conferences were held during the last six months. Russia, however, never met such proposals in a spirit of conciliation, but by wanton delays put off a settlement of the serious questions, and by ostensibly advocating peace on one hand, while on the other extending her naval and military preparations, sought to accomplish her own selfish designs. We cannot in the least admit Russia had from the first any serious or genuine desire for peace. She rejected the proposals of our government. The safety of Korea was in danger and the interests of our empire were menaced. The guarantees for the future, which we failed to secure by peaceful negotiations, can now only be obtained by an appeal to arms.

"It is our earnest wish that, by the loyalty and valor of our faithful subjects, peace may soon be permanently restored and the glory of our empire preserved."

Berlin, Feb. 11.—It is learned here tonight that the request of Russia for permission to send warships through the Kiel canal has not yet been considered by the foreign office.

A despatch received here from Tokio says the imperial decree concerning the seizure of Russian merchant vessels excepts those leaving Japan or sailing direct from other than Japanese ports for Japan up to February 16th, provided the latter leave Japan after discharging their cargoes and keep to the route mapped out for them, and provided also, that neither inward nor outward bound ships have on board articles contraband of war.

The German foreign office says Germany's aims in the Far East are identical with that of the United States as expressed in Secretary Hay's note regarding the neutralization of China, localizing the field of war and keeping the Chinese ports open to all traders.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Admiral Candiani who commanded the Italian squadron in the East during the Chino-Japanese war and who is considered a most competent judge of the present situation there, has given an interview to the Giornale D'Italia. He said: "It is reported that Port Arthur is provisioned for eighteen months and there are no civilians, but this is doubtful. I believe Port Arthur to be lost to the Russians, and that their fleet is destined to be gradually destroyed excepting the few ships taking refuge at Vladivostock.

"I believe Russia can bring together 150,000 men on land and it would be difficult to increase this number, while Japan can concentrate 300,000 troops in Korea, where she would be supported by local sympathy."

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Disquieting reports have been received here from Pekin regarding the attitude of China in the Russo-Japanese conflict.

The Nones Wiener Tageblatt says it is believed in well-informed circles that the reported destruction of a railroad bridge in Manchuria is possibly the work of an advance party of "Boxers," who, it is understood, China is organizing for the invasion of Manchuria.

It is understood that the representatives of several powers at Pekin have informed their governments of China's intention to send 200,000 Boxers to Manchuria.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The foreign office received a despatch this morning dated yesterday, reporting that 5,000 Japanese troops are now encamped near Seoul, Korea, some of which entered the town. It is added that quiet prevails there. No mention is made in the despatch of the presence of the Korean Emperor at the French legation, where he has been reported to have sought refuge and therefore the authorities place no credence in the report.

Regarding the announcement that the Russian sailors from the Variag and Korietz, sunk by the Japanese off Chemulpo, had sought refuge in the French cruiser Pascal, which is confirmed, the foreign office says the French commander offered them an asylum only in the interest of humanity, that no protest on the subject has been made by the Japanese government and that the refugees will be sent to Russia. They will probably be required to give their parole not to serve again during the war.

The Temps says it has received confirmation from official sources of the report from Port Arthur that the Japanese attempted to make a landing at the bay of Port Arthur and were immediately repulsed.

The Journal Des Debats in a special despatch from St. Petersburg announced that a bombardment of Port Arthur occurred the day before yesterday and again yesterday, and says that the Japanese fleet withdrew after having suffered severe losses. Today it is added all is quiet off Port Arthur.

The Temps says the following is the substance of Secretary Hay's note to the powers on the subject of the neutrality and integrity of China: "Consult with the government to which you are accredited with the view of learning, in order to avoid the possibility of an outbreak of trouble in China and to limit the prejudice of war on neutral commerce if it will not be proper to respect the neutrality of the administrative entity of China."

Mr. Hay's phrase "administrative entity" is not clear to the officials here, but they say he does not seem to mean the integrity of China.

STRENGTH OF ARMY OF THE MIKADO

The army of the Mikado, including the reserves and the recruits who are available in a season of conflict, such as the present one, is something over 600,000 men. Military authorities of other nations who have witnessed the operations of the Japanese forces in their manoeuvres at camps of instruction, testify to the high quality of the personnel and discipline. Following are the figures:—

	Men.
Peace strength	275,045
Reserves	204,109
Recruits	161,547
Grand total	640,701

FORMIDABLE ARMY OF RUSSIA'S EMPIRE

In the army of the Russian Empire there are, estimating the strength on a war basis, three and a half million men in rank and file, and more than 66,000 officers. This number includes the soldiers in all of the branches of the service, those of the regulars and reserves, those in fortress, the national defence force, the customs contingent and the available recruits. The list follows:—

War Strength.	Officers.	Rank and File.	Horses.	Guns.
Regulars	28,300	1,311,000	330,000	3,856
Reserves	15,470	832,300	163,000	1,376
Fortresses	4,500	252,000	3,700	128
Recruits	6,640	373,700	50,500	458
National defence	10,500	740,000	.....	.....
Customs	1,000	40,000	15,000	.....
Grand total	66,410	3,549,000	562,200	5,818

FOR JAPANESE NAVY.

Agent Reported Buying Armament and Shells in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—It is authoritatively stated that a representative of the Japanese government was in the city today for the purpose of making arrangements with the Richmond locomotive works and the Traedegar Iron Works for manufacturing projectiles and armament for the Japanese navy.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FOR THE CHURCH

The Committee of General Assembly Recommend More Adequate Endowment.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Kingston, Feb. 11.—The commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada regarding the retention of Queen's university by the church, concluded its labors this afternoon by adopting a report recommending the general assembly to provide adequate endowment for Queen's university so as to retain the college for the church.

Sir Sandford Fleming has given the university one-tenth interest in a coal mine near the Rocky mountains. He has handed the trustees a check for $800 as the first return. The finance committee will consider the appeal of the medical faculty for stronger support.

ENGAGEMENT CANCELLED.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—George W. Stewart, manager of the bureau of music of the World's Fair, received a cablegram today from Sergt. W. Alexanderosky, Russia's commissioner-general to the World's Fair, stating that owing to the war between Russia and Japan, the band of the Imperial Guard would not be sent to St. Louis. The band of the Imperial Guard is the Czar's favorite organization, composed of the elite of the Russian army.

DIED.

BROWN—At Esquimalt road, yesterday morning, Sidney Baden Powell, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, aged 4 years.

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A Man's List

	Regular Price.	Sale Price.
Men's Linen Collars	10c.	5c.
Men's Colored Shirts	$1.00	25c.
Men's Working Shirts	60c.	35c.
Men's Wool Sox	35c.	25c.
Men's White Shirts	50c.	20c.

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Applications, accompanied by testimonials, etc., will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., for the position of caretaker of Ross Bay Cemetery. Salary at the rate of $65.00 per month.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
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Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, Feb. 10th, 1904.

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4 cloves, ½ bay leaf, 3 sprigs thyme, 1 tablespoonful salt, carrots, turnips, onions, celery ½ cup each cut in dices.
2 tablespoonfuls of butter

Melt the butter, add the onion and brown; then add the vegetables and seasonings to cold water; cover and cook slowly one hour; strain carefully and while hot add the Beef Extract, stirring until it is thoroughly dissolved. Add more salt and pepper if necessary. Cool as quickly as possible. This stock is used for a number of soups and should be made in considerable quantities and kept in a cool place until it is all used.

Above is taken from edition *de luxe* "Culinary Wrinkles" (just out) which will be sent postpaid to any address on receipt of a metal cap from jar of Armour's Extract of Beef.

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Arion Club's Second Concert

Excellent Entertainment Provided By Victoria's Popular Vocal Club.

Large and Appreciative Audience Throughly Enjoys Its Treat.

Another very fine treat may be safely credited to the Arion Club on account of its concert last evening in Institute hall, the second concert of the twelfth season of the club. The audience, as usual, represented the best of Victoria's musical taste and appreciation, the proportion of the fair sex being remarkable, thus ensuring nice discrimination. Mr. E. H. Russell, the honorary conductor, is certainly to be congratulated upon the high success attained by his capitally-trained little organization. The concert of last evening will be remembered as one of the very best of the present season. The extras were chosen with a taste and skill that still further reflects credit upon the cleverness of the programme committee. They were: Mrs. W. A. Green, Mr. Frank Watkis and Mr. Herbert Taylor. Seldom indeed does such a galaxy of talent meet on any Victoria platform, and their efforts added very greatly to the enjoyment of the evening's entertainment.

In the first part of the programme Mrs. Green sang a villanelle by Eva Della Acqua, a pretty little piece which gave Mrs. Green's fine mezzo full scope for the display of its beauties. The song is a distant relation (say forty-second cousin) to Handel's "Sweet Bird," only without the bristling difficulties of that musical extravaganza, but testy enough to prove the quality of almost any singer. That Mrs. Green acquitted herself so well says much for her talent and training. As an encore Mrs. Green added to the favorable opinion gained in the first song with a fine interpretation of "My Heart is Dead." In the second part Mrs. Green took the soprano solo in the part song by Mohr, "To the Genius of Song." Again she met every expectation.

This song, by the way, has plenty of good, swinging music in it, but the words are awful rot. The mixture of metaphor is heart-rending; and some of the lines are as meaningless as Handel's prolongation and torture of words in some of his oratorios, where "thunder" becomes "than-un-un-un-der!" But nobody scans "poetry" when it is wrapped up in passable music, as Mohr has managed to do with this stammering ode to the Genius of Music. It is not the only piece in the repertoire of song where melody carries the twaddle finely.

Mr. Herbert Taylor was in the mood for the bravura style of ditty, and he also acquitted himself uncommonly well. His version of Schumann's "Two Grenadiers," with its lapse at the close into the creepy strains of La Marseillaise, cannot be described as other than a distinct triumph for Mr. Taylor. It is in those soldier songs that he shines, almost without a peer in the province. In the second part he renewed his good understanding with his audience in Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci," the prologue, and did the Romanesque theme justice. As an encore Mr. Taylor sang a short selection which even more vividly set off his powerful and tuneful voice.

Mr. Frank Watkis deserves only warm praise for his work as accompanist. Both in the solo pieces and with the chorus the sustaining, insinuating quality of his playing beautified the vocalization to an extent for which the vocalists should feel duly grateful. It was scientific accompanying, such as is required, for example, where an Albani, or a Muriel Foster is singing, and Mr. Watkis was the valued accompanist of those exacting artistes for a considerable period. His own selections were well chosen to gratify the taste of a critical and understanding audience. The first was a little thing by Rachmaninoff, a prelude, full of sweetness and difficult harmonics. An encore was gracefully accorded, and here again Mr. Watkis charmed all. In the second part he played a study in staccato from the works of Rubinstein, and this gave him an excellent opportunity to display his undoubtedly clever technique. As an exercise for fingers, wrists and forearms it is to be highly commended, though as sheer beauty is not to be lost sight of in the hands of Mr. Watkis.

The club is steadily marching on from improvement to improvement, and last evening confirmed its place in the affections of the Victorians who delight in the concord of sweet sounds such as a good male club can essay, under the baton of a capable leader, and Mr. Russell is surely that.

If there is anything to be said at all in the way of criticism, it would be that the bassos need just a trifle of fining. The strength is all there, but it might be gauged more nicely, and some of the aspiring individualities smoothed down with a little well-oiled suggestion, which would not hurt anybody's feelings. With this small exception the ensemble work of the club is admirable. The material is abundant and the collective ability great. There can be no question that the sedulous and enthusiastic training which the club is undergoing should make it, at no distant date, the premier vocal club of the Coast, as it is now the leading organization of the kind in the province.

Opening the programme with a defiant Northman's song by Kuecken, the club then gave, with much spirit and feeling, a cradle song by Franz Van der Stucken, in that true schlummerlied style, soft and low, very tender and appealing. "The Rhine Maiden," by Henry Smart, almost as sweet a thing as "Maud Muller" as to beauty lines, is full of the fine music which has given Smart his fame. The club did the piece full justice, and were well rewarded with applause from the delighted audience. Mr. A. C. Reynard took the tenor solo in a manner worthy of all praise. His voice should be heard much oftener at Victoria concerts. It is remarkably sweet and pure and is modestly used.

"Hope," by G. M. Garrett, was another excellent number on a programme without a dull item. Then came "Twilight," by Dadley Buck, a melodious and pathetic strain, very beautifully sung by the choir, who entered into the spirit of the genuine poetry to which the music is wedded so happily.

It may be repeated that the Arions have good reason to feel proud of last night's concert, in which they gave fresh evidence that they are going on famously in perfecting themselves in the noble art of song.

WINTER CARNIVAL AT ROSSLAND

Results of Events Yesterday and Prospects of Good Sport Today.

Rossland, B. C., Feb. 11.—The winter carnival of sports opened with snowshoe races, resulting as follows:

Three-mile championship of British Columbia, won by Chas. S. Sangster, Rossland; C. Rill, second. Time, 36 minutes, over heavy course.

Boys under nine years—Chas. D. Hunter, first; D. McQuarrie, second.

Boys under 13—Leo Lalonde, first; Frank O'Neill, second.

Boys under 16—Gaston Lalone, first; W. Danby, second.

Half-mile walk—Robert Lamont, first; H. W. Ferguson, second.

Prospectors' race—Lamont, first; Ferguson, second.

Girls—Florence Wilson, first; Nina Lalonde, second.

This afternoon's hockey game was marred by a disagreement between Fernie and Vernon teams as to one of Fernie's players. It was settled later in the day and the game will proceed tomorrow. Vernon played an exhibition game with Rossland intermediates, winning by five goals to one.

Tonight eight hundred spectators saw Nelson defeated by Rossland by a score of two goals to one. The play was close and exciting but clean from start to finish.

Tomorrow's programme includes more hockey matches, ski running championship events and snowshoe parade at night. Olaus Jeldness, former champion of the province, is here to judge the ski events.

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People soon find out that it is far more than a mere temporary relief and that it can be absolutely depended on in serious and severe cases of throat and lung trouble.

Mrs. J. Provost, Renfrew, Ont., states: "My fourteen-year-old boy had a severe cold in the chest last winter, and I really thought he was going to die. He coughed nearly all the time and sometimes would spit up blood. We had about given up all hopes of his recovery when I heard of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. After using one bottle there was a great change in his condition, and I can positively say that he was completely cured by two bottles and he has not been troubled since. I never saw medicine take such quick effect and can sincerely recommend it."

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EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID.

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 11.—A quasi epidemic of typhoid fever exists in this city. Local health officials state there are between 1,500 and 2,000 cases in the city, and the two public hospitals are crowded to overflowing.

SCHWAB SAILS FOR EUROPE.

New York, Feb. 11.—Charles M. Schwab sailed today for France on the steamer Loraine. Upon inquiry at Mr. Schwab's office it was stated that it had been Mr. Schwab's intention for many weeks to go to Europe for his health under the advice of his physician.

DICTATOR OF HONDURAS.

New York, Feb. 11.—President Bonell is reported to have assumed a dictatorship in Honduras and dissolved the court to frustrate a plot, says a Herald despatch. The deputies have been arrested. Honduras is quiet and the people approve of the government's conduct.

INDOOR SWIMMING RECORD.

Brookline, Mass., Feb. 11—Two American indoor swimming records were lowered last night at the Brookline public baths, one by John A. Levitt, professional, at two miles, his time being 57 minutes 26 seconds. And the other by Harry Lemoyne, the well-known amateur athlete at 80 yards in 48 seconds.

COAL SHIPMENTS STOPPED.

Cardiff, Wales, Feb. 11.—Orders have been received here suspending all shipments of coal for the Russian government and cancelling the charterings in its behalf.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE ILL.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—A telegram from Georgia, says Ernest Paul, former proprietor of Le Soleil, is very ill and not expected to recover.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—W. R. Brock, M. P. head of the wholesale dry goods firm of W. R. Brock, Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

MACEDONIAN TROUBLES.

Bucharest, Roumania, Feb. 11.—It is reported here that Harmier Stourdza has been sounded by the Austro-Hungarian and Russian government as to whether, in the event of the Macedonian movement assuming serious proportions in the spring, Roumania will accept a mandate from the European powers to occupy Bulgaria with troops.

BRITISH ADMIRAL SAILS.

Sir Gerard Henry Noel To Relieve Sir Cyprian Bridge in Far East.

London, Feb. 11.—Vice Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Noel, who commands the British Asiatic squadron in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, will sail from Marseilles tomorrow for the Far East.

ATLANTIC LINER OVERDUE.

New York, Feb. 11.—The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Manitou in command of Capt. Cannons, which sailed from London January 28th for this port had not been sighted up to 1 o'clock this morning. The vessel usually makes the passage in ten or eleven days. She was expected on Monday last and is scheduled to leave here for London tomorrow.

THE AMERICA'S CUP.

Sir Thomas Lipton Anxious to Try Again With Another Class of Yacht.

New York, Feb. 11.—A letter from Sir Thomas Lipton has been received by the New York Yacht Club with reference to a fourth challenge for the America's Cup. This fact was brought out at the annual meeting of the club tonight, although the presiding officer declined to say whether the letter was a formal challenge or the preliminary to a challenge. It was the general opinion that Sir Thomas had signified his desire to issue a challenge, but was anxious that a yacht of another type should wage the battle.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Roller Mills Wrecked at Parkhill and Much Glass Broken.

Parkhill, Ont., Feb. 11.—The boiler at the Harrison estate roller mills exploded last night, the crash shaking every building in town and putting the electric lights out. No one was killed or injured, but most of the glass on Main and King streets was broken. The west end of the mill was blown out. The engine house was completely demolished and the woolen mills, adjoining, were badly wrecked. Pieces of wreckage were spread all over town.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Continued Cool Weather Reduces Danger From High Water.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 11.—The flood is gradually receding here owing to the continued cold weather, but the danger is yet great. The lowlands are covered with ice and water. The dams at Bloomburg and Nanticooke are solid and show no signs of breaking. The principal danger is now caused by the water backing up from these dams. The towns below the dams are apprehensive. If they break great destruction will follow. The Pennsylvania railroad managed to get trains through from Sunbury. The Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad Company is making every effort to open its Bloomsburg branch.

CURLING AT WINNIPEG.

Progress Made in the Various Events in the Bonspiel Yesterday.

Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—Today's curling was almost entirely in the Brunswick trophy event. The scores made by Eastern rinks were: McFadden (Toronto) 9, vs. McKay (Pilot Mound), 8; Scott (Toronto) 13, vs. Simpson (Thistles, Winnipeg), 8; Payne (Winnipeg Thistles) 12, vs. Milligan (St. John), 10; Scott (Toronto) 13, vs. Lagle (Dauphin), 7; McFadden (Toronto) 9, vs. Sparling (Minnedosa), 9; Shaw (St. John) 13, vs. Irwin (Bowesmont, Ill.), 11.

The following are the Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending February 11, with comparisons: Week ending Feb. 11, 1904, $4,282,468; corresponding week in 1903, $3,620,285; corresponding week, 1902, $2,535,769.

SLEEPLESSNESS

You can't sleep on the calmest and stillest night, if your stomach is weak, circulation poor, and digestion bad.

Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens the stomach, improves the circulation, perfects digestion, and brings about that condition in which sleep is regular and refreshing.

It does no do this in a day, but it does it—has done it in thousands of cases.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Paul Gilmour in the "Mummy and the Humming Bird."

The show last evening was not very well patronized, though the company was exceedingly well balanced, and towards the third act the situation was very intense and absorbingly interesting.

The first act was slow and gave no idea of the good things to follow, but the play improved all the way through and was much enjoyed by the few who braved the elements.

Paul Gilmour is a good actor, and has gathered a very capable support in his company.

NEWS TOO GOOD TO KEEP.

Persons who have used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are usually so well pleased with the benefits derived that they tell the good news to their neighbors. There is no medicine which so promptly awakens the action of the liver, invigorates the kidneys and regulates the bowels as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and for this reason they are unapproachable as a family medicine. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 11.—Thirty tons of dynamite and ten tons of gunpowder exploded at noon Sunday last at a large construction camp on New Ferais, Barring and Northern Ontario railway, seventy-five miles north of here. It being Sunday, all men were dining in a shack a hundred and fifty yards from the magazine. The roof of this building was blown off and some fifteen men injured, fortunately only one at all seriously, Neil Donovan, a son of one of the contractors, who was sent to Montreal in a precarious condition. The origin of the explosion, which was one of terrific force, is unknown. A large number of horses were so badly injured that they had to be killed.

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What Russia Has to Face at Home During the War.

Like the Japanese army, the Russian army is composed of conscripts. On all other points, however, the two armies are singularly unlike. Neither in numbers, organization, equipment, or morale is there a corresponding character which would warrant a definite comparison. The only sure test of the relative qualities of the two forces will be applied when they take the field against each other, if this contingency should arise. Meanwhile, it will be instructive to examine some of the outstanding characteristics of the Russian army.

The most conspicuous of these characteristics is its hugeness. It is not desirable to accept, without important reservations, the estimates of the Russian army set forth upon paper, but even after all the necessary deductions are made, the number of men under arms, or capable of taking the field, is very great. All the young men in the Empire, with certain exceptions, are legally compelled to present themselves for service when they attain the age of twenty-one. It is estimated that every year nearly a million young men attain this age, and so become liable for service. It is reckoned, however, that only about a third of these are selected for service in the active army, the remainder being relegated to the reserves or the militia. The term of service lasts from the age of twenty-one to 43, and is thus divided: Five years in the active army, thirteen years in the reserves, and five years in the "opolchenie" or militia. The Cossacks have a separate organization—and their number in all arms is very large—the term of service beginning at the age of 18, and lasting practically their whole life. On a peace strength, the statistics are given as follows:

	Europe and the Caucasus.	Asiatic Russia.
Infantry	627,000	83,000
Cavalry	116,000	14,000
Artillery	38,000	15,000
Engineers	34,000	8,000
Army Services	34,000	5,000
	949,000	125,000

As regards the war strength of the Rusian forces it is estimated that the active army could put in the field about two and a half million men, while the reserves might be reckoned at another two millions. That is a large number of armed men; and when it is set beside the half-million (which is my estimate of the force Japan can put in the field), the chances for victory for such an opponent as Japan appear to be very slight. As a matter of fact, however, these statistics as an indication of Russia's military strength in a war with Japan are entirely misleading.

All manner of deductions must be made. There is the notorious fact, for instance, that Russia proper is surrounded by large areas of conquered territory, and this territory is practically garrisoned by Russian troops. Some of these territories have been annexed to the Russian empire for a long time, yet she only retains them by the power of the sword. It would be impossible for Russia, without grave danger, to withdraw any large body of troops from Turkestan, Armenia, the Caucasus, Finland, or even Poland. Nor can she permit herself to forget that, in the spring of this year, there may be an uprising in the Balkans which might necessitate armed intervention upon her part. There is the further consideration that these huge armies, scattered over the whole Russian empire, can not readily be moved from one place to another. They serve their purpose in the locality in which they are stationed; but were Russia to try to move them to any given point (except certain strategical points to which railways converge in view of possible European wars), the attempt would be a most complete failure.

In effect, therefore, the Russians can only place in the Far East a comparatively small number of their troops. And it has to be noted that she must, in order that they may be available, place these troops in position before fighting. But here I may say that no military authority supposes that she will be able to keep open, constantly and efficiently, the Manchurian and Siberian railways. Even if these railways are not broken by the Japanese or by hostile tribes, it is almost a certainty that they would congest and collapse from the dead-weight of the necessary transport required. And even under the most favorable conditions all their services would be required, not to transport more troops, but to feed those not at the front.

How many Russian troops are at the front? That is a question which is engaging anxious attention at the present moment. I feel sure that the Japanese, with their complete system of gaining information, know to a single man and gun what forces the Russians have massed in Manchuria. They are not misled or terrified by the highly-colored estimates—originating in St. Petersburg—of the troops hurrying to the Far East. As a matter of fact, this extreme hurry is impossible. At the end of the Boxer rising the Russian troops in the Far East were supposed to number 150,000. That was, I believe, an over-estimate made for bluffing purposes. The Russians make a habit of giving out these over-estimates. Two months ago there was a grand review at Port Arthur and the Russian Viceroy gave out that there were 100,000 men on the ground. But the Japanese counted them, and found that there were little more than 20,000. It may be safely assumed, therefore, that the total Russian troops in the Far East at the present time does not reach the published estimates; and is probably somewhere between 150,000 and 200,000. The Japanese are not afraid to tackle an army of this size.

Canada's Reinette.—A choice local apple in first class condition to be had for the small sum of one dollar a box at Brown & Cooker's, Government street. Mark the 'phone, No. 567.

WEDDING AT NANAIMO.

Fashionable Event at Black Diamond City on Wednesday Evening.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 11.—A very pretty wedding took place last evening at the Wallace Street Methodist church, being that of Mr. Enoch Mugford, of Vancouver, and Miss Emily Norris, of this city, the youngest daughter of the late George Norris, Esq., the founder of the Free Press. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. M. Sanford, and the wedding march was played by Mrs. Calbick. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. George Norris, who gave her away. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Gladys Leighton, and wore a dark blue cloth traveling costume, trimmed with white lace, and white picture hat. Mr. James Hunter, of Vancouver, supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's mother. The happy couple, who were the recipients of a very large number of handsome and costly presents, left this morning for Vancouver, where they will reside.

Scotch Concert.—A concert will be given in St. James' hall, under the auspices of the James' Bay Presbyterian Sunday school on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., commencing at 8 p.m. The following well-known ladies and gentlemen will take part in the programme: Miss L. McKenzie, Highland fling; Messrs. F. Wadington, W. Kinnaird, W. Allen and P. Gordon; Miss McKenzie and Master J. McKenzie, Scottish airs on the bagpipes; Master J. Thomson, Highland fling; Mr. W. Stewart, Scottish airs on violin; Miss Lawson, Mr. J. H. Brownlee and Mrs. H. Currie. Tickets for this entertainment can be had from any member of the Sunday school.

Municipal Notice

Municipal Bye Election 1904.

Public Notice

Is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor.

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The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the court room of the City Hall aforesaid, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

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THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

An unofficial report in a despatch from Tokio states that there was another naval engagement off Port Arthur on Wednesday, in which it is said that four Russian battleships and three cruisers were sunk, while two Japanese vessels were damaged. It is stated that the Japanese succeeded in getting between the Russian squadron and the entrance of the harbor before the engagement commenced. The fact that the gale here last evening prostrated the telegraph wires in all directions, made it impossible to obtain further particulars, and it is, therefore, not possible to know whether there is any further confirmation of this news. If such an engagement has taken place with the result as stated, its importance can scarcely be overrated. It would mean that the Russian naval force in the Far East had been almost destroyed and that Japan has practically undisputed command of the sea with all that that implies. In modern warfare we can only find anything like a parallel to such a circumstance in the defeat of the French at Sedan in 1870, when Napoleon III. and all his army were compelled to surrender to the German Emperor. While we must await further news before we can feel assured that Japan has secured such a victory, it is not under the circumstances a matter that is at all improbable. The previous engagement had not left the Russian fleet in a condition to renew the fight with the enemy on equal terms, as would have been seen by the long list of vessels disabled or seriously injured that we published yesterday. Having accomplished the object which it was believed the Japanese fleet had in hand when it sailed from Port Arthur on Tuesday—the convoying of transports—it probably returned immediately to complete the work which it had commenced so successfully on Monday night. Or the departure of the Japanese fleet may have been simply a ruse to throw the Russians off their guard. In the condition in which their fleet was left after the attack on Monday, the Russians must have found full employment for all their efforts and resources in attempting to put matters in a position to meet again their active and energetic enemy.

It is not surprising that the unexpected course of events has produced a profound impression throughout the Russian Empire. It will tend to arouse a determination among all classes that the war must be prosecuted with the greatest energy, and in this manner will dissipate the feeling of apathy if not, indeed, of dissatisfaction about the war which prevailed in St. Petersburg and other towns a week or so ago. But popular enthusiasm, however, great, can have little effect on the immediate position of affairs in the Far East. If the Russian fleet has been destroyed, Japan will almost control the situation. Before Russia can gather another fleet from other parts—and in any case the vessels lost or disabled comprised a most important part of the Russian navy—Japan can inflict such injury on the Empire's extremities as will be very difficult to repair. There is no reason to doubt that the energy and skill which have been displayed by the Japanese in naval operations will also be shown in the conduct of the war on land, whether the field be Manchuria, Korea or Russian Siberia. Gigantic as is the power of Russia it can only be exerted in the Far Eastern portion of the Empire, if its naval force is destroyed, to the extent that the Siberian railway can transport men and supplies.

Since the above was in type, further telegraphic reports have come to hand, as will be seen in our telegraphic columns, confirming the news of a great Japanese victory at Port Arthur.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

It is evident that Mr. Bryan has no intention of allowing his past lack of success as a candidate for the presidency of the United States to cause him to change his former opinions on the currency question. In a speech at Lincoln, Nebraska, a week or two ago, Mr. Bryan defiantly proclaimed his unshaken allegiance to the free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, and to the Kansas City platform. "That platform," he said, "was sound in every plank, and the first act of the Democratic convention should be to affirm it in its entirety." It is not surprising that this remarkable speech should have called forth angry comments from the Democratic press. Democratic editors and politicians seem to have been under the delusion that the Mr. Bryan of 1904 would be something different from the former Presidential candidate of the same name. Now they are beginning to realize their mistake and to wonder what they are to do with Mr. Bryan and his bundle of out-of-date creeds. His trip to Europe and his interviews with all sorts of prominent people, from the Pope downwards, have apparently not produced that influence which might have been expected. If he would only retire voluntarily from any active participation in the campaign or lend his support to some neutral man, something might be done. He is not, they consider, likely to bolt under any circumstances. But decisive action must be taken. Mr. Bryan seems determined to rule or ruin the party. Its managers seem to consider, therefore, that the only course is to ruin him. In 1900 the silver plank was put in the Democratic platform by a very small majority. They will not listen to it being used again in 1904. They consider that Mr. Bryan personally is stronger than his principles. But there must be no chances taken if it can be prevented, and the Democratic party must have other issues inscribed on its banner than that under which in the past it has gone down to defeat.

PROVINCIAL PUBLIC WORKS.

The close of the session of the Provincial Legislature at this early period of the year is a circumstance that can be turned to good advantage in connection with the prosecution of public works throughout the Province. During many years, with only two or three exceptions, it has been the custom not to call the House together until late in January or at some time in February with the result that May was well advanced before the session was closed. The inconvenience of this arrangement in regard to public works to be carried out in the following fiscal year can easily be understood. It was impossible for those who had charge of such works to know until late in the spring or in the early summer what appropriations would be made by the Legislature and what work it would be possible to do with the money that was authorized. The result of this was that work which should have been done in the fine weather and long days of summer was delayed until the autumn when the conditions were not as favorable as at an earlier period. That often implied unsatisfactory work and almost always increased cost beyond what would have been required had better arrangements been made.

This year the conditions will be much more satisfactory. Those in charge of the work to be carried on will be informed of the amount appropriated and will be able to get it done under more favorable conditions than have generally prevailed. As the appropriations in many instances are smaller this year than usual, it is of the greatest importance that the money should be expended to the greatest possible advantage. People sometimes complain that the Government does not get its work done as economically as is that carried on by the different municipal councils. Whether this is so or not we cannot say although owing to the great areas of many of the districts under one superintendent it is probable that there is sometimes not as close supervision of the Government work — there usually is with that done for a municipality.

We are inclined to think that a larger proportion of the latter is done by contract than is the case with that of the Government, especially as regards ordinary repairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

DECLARATION OF WAR.

Sir, — Numerous statements have been published, to the effect that the attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, by the Japanese, was made before a formal declaration, and was therefore contrary to international law.

It may be of interest to some of your numerous readers to state that although Grotius considers a declaration as an essential characteristic of a proper war, the modern writers on international law are not of that opinion. It is the fact that for the last hundred years past hostilities have been generally begun without any such formal declaration. "The formal declarations of war only makes the state of war more notorious, but, though more convenient in that respect are not necessary to constitute such a state." (Lord Ellenborough, C. J., Oom et al., vs. Bruce, 12 East, 226.)

In the case last mentioned Russia commenced hostilities against Great Britain on the 16th of October, 1807, and seized British ships who had the preceding day left the Russian ports before the news of hostilities or declaration had reached London.

In the late war between Japan and China on the 25th of July, 1894, a Japanese squadron attacked Chinese men-of-war, which had been convoying transports carrying reinforcements for Asan in Korea, and the Japanese captured Asan on the 29th of July. War was not formally declared until the 1st of August.

The late Russo-Turkish war was declared in a formal despatch delivered to the Turkish charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg, a similar declaration in 1870 was also made by France before the commencement of hostilities with Prussia.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned instances of formal declarations it is now a settled doctrine of international law that a declaration of war is not an essential preliminary to legitimate warfare.

S. PERRY MILLS.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 11th, 1904.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

This week the tunnel on the Lucky Jack passed the 300 foot mark, and on Wednesday was in 312 feet, giving a depth of about 170 feet. For the last thirty feet the tunnel has been in ore of good quality, carrying galena and free gold. In another hundred feet a depth of 200 feet will have been reached on the lead, and then stoping will be commenced and the mine become a regular shipper.—Poplar Nugget.

That the merchants of Cranbrook are being woefully discriminated against in freight rates is surely demonstrated by the following if these figures given the Herald are correct. It is stated that the local rate from Calgary to Fernie is 53 cents, while the rate to Cranbrook is $1, nearly 50 per cent more. By the carload rate, Fernie pays 29 cents, while the Cranbrook merchant is taxed 75 cents.—Cranbrook Herald.

The first move towards reduction of the expenses of the city management was made at Monday's meeting, which was attended by the Mayor, and Aldermen Papworth, Gelgerich, Power, Hartin and Jardine. The city clerk was instructed to notify the chief of police, water commissioner and janitor that their services would not be required after March 1st, when it was intended to make some changes. The officials discharged, however, are eligible for reappointment.—Kaslo Kootenaian.

Recently the Rossland Power Company applied to the commissioner at Nelson for a consolidation of six water records held by it in connection with the concentrator now under way at Trail. The commissioner decided he had no jurisdiction to grant the application, and the matter is now being appealed to the Supreme Court. The appeal will be heard at the forthcoming sitting in Nelson.—Rossland Miner.

PRESS COMMENT.

If there is anything the people of Ashcroft and the Cariboo road should regret more than anything else, it is their apathy towards the placer mining industry of Cariboo. We are all cheerfully willing to assist mining companies (our preference is perhaps for the English companies) in distributing their capital, but when it comes to a question of assisting in procuring legislation favorable to the industry or a better distribution of the road money, or anything of a like nature, we go back into the britchen with more stubbornness and energy than a Cariboo freight horse.—Ashcroft Journal.

We have nothing to say regarding the personnel of the Liberal party, but we wish to point out that the Conservative party is composed of men who are largely identified with the district, who have large and permanent interests and homes here and some of whom have had a large part in the development of the mineral resources of the surrounding country. In this respect, or in any other respect, we invite comparison between the Conservative and Liberal, with a confidence that no sensible man will say that the Conservative candidate in the Kootenay is not much the stronger in all the points which go to make a conscientious and aggressive member of the Dominion House. — Fort Steele Prospector.

The different newspapers have been discussing the relative qualities of the nominees of both parties in the coming Dominion election and their possible chances of success. To our mind the outcome will be the election of W. A. Galliher to stay at home. The balance of power rests with the Labor vote, and with no candidate of its own, that vote is overwhelmingly Conservative, and if it votes party, Mackintosh is sure of election by a large majority. The ex-Governor has been the means of bringing about $20,000,000 of invested capital into the province, which is what this country needs, all of which has given employment to labor, and such a man cannot easily be turned aside.—Sandon Standard.

MEN AND THINGS.

There are 14,000,000 people in Italy who can neither read nor write.

The German city of Frankfurt has voted 55,000 marks for an automobile addition to the fire department.

Almost 300 men were killed in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania during 1903.

Polar birds have been seen in all parts of South Tyrol, Austria, and it is assumed that the exceptional severity of the Arctic winter had driven them south.

The railway companies of England and Wales employ between them 312,000 men. The Scotch and Irish companies employ 40,000 men. The railways of the world give employment to something like 6,000,000 persons.

The largest gasholder in the world is said to be that at Greenwich, Eng., and it is one of the landmarks observed by everyone while sailing up the Thames. It is built in six sections and can hold 12,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

At Springfield, Ohio, two little girls, twins, were devoured by a swarm of rats that invaded their miserable home.

Arthur Burrows of Lincoln's Inn, London, is over 91 years of age and is the oldest practicing barrister in the United Kingdom. He attends to business at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn regularly and is said to be able to do his work without the aid of glasses.

A discovery has been made in the northern part of Utah of an immense deposit of pitch blende, the rock from which is extracted the precious radium. The ledge has been traced for 3,000 feet and is over 150 feet wide.

RISIBILITIES.

Harold—I broke the Christmas present my uncle sent me as soon as I received it. Jerold—Too bad. What was it? A $20 bill—Cleveland Leader.

Visitor—Has your little baby sister got any teeth? Tommy—Oh, yes! I guess she got 'em, but she ain't hatched 'em out yet.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Actor—Hurry, or we'll miss the train. Actress—I can't find my diamonds or my purse. "Oh, well, never mind." "Yes, but the purse has $10 in it."—New York Weekly.

"Say, Jimmie, how many men d'yer s'pose he's killed?" "Aw, g'wan! Don't yer see he's a General. Generals don't do no killin. Dey jest bosses de job.'—St. Louis Star.

"Say, pa, it says here in 'Lady Clare,' 'I trow they did not part in scorn.' What does that mean?" "That's the poetic way of saying "You bet.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Buckle—I hardly know what to do with my son. I don't believe he has a cupful of brains in his head. Clasp—Why don't you let him take up your business? You have always done first rate at it, you know. —Boston Transcript.

She—Papa says that when coming to see me you must not come in a street car any more. He—Really! Does he expect me to walk all this distance? She—Of course not. He says all he asks is that you will come in a carriage hired by the hour.—New York Weekly.

Aunt Matilda—Well, who'd 'er thought Pierpont Morgan would have to go to work at the stockyards. Uncle Ezra—Is he broked an' 'er workin'? Aunt Matilda—Yes; I see by ther paper thet he has been leadin' the bulls, waterin' stock an' skinnin' lambs!—Butte Inter-Mountain.

"I spent a week in New York recently, but it was a disappointment to me." "Why so?" "Wasn't in a subway explosion accident all the time I was there." "Shake! I was in Chicago for three days and wasn't held up once. These big towns aren't what they are advertised to be, by a long shot!" —Cincinnati Times-Star.

ORATORY.

All speaking is not oratory; most even of what men call fine speaking has little akin to it. The form of expression may be of the nicest, the flow of words of the smoothest, and even the thought of the higest order, and yet it may not be oratory. On the other hand it is possible for the sacred fire to flash forth from rude and unlettered people and with strange and moving force.

Real oratory is a child of truth and ardor. Falsehood is fatal to its birth, and coldness clips its wings and hinders all effective flight. The soul must be at white heat and cry to be delivered of its message, and the message must proceed from the very throne of truth, and appeal for response to the deepest feeling of the auditors. Oratory delights in broad lines and bold imagery; it dislikes the tangling strands of small issues and dry detail.

The mental eye of the orator must see with perfect clearness the thing he wishes to describe, or he can never adequately represent it to his hearer; he must feel its absolute truth and urgency before he can stamp its burning importance upon his auditors. The real orator cannot be a bad man; the ring of his coin must be genuine. The eternal mint of truth utters no spurious metal. The mission of the orator has not ended. So long as truth lives and men feel, so long there is place and scope for him.

Neither painting nor music, nor sculpture, nor poetry, nor any other form of expression, can ever replace the living prophet, called of God, on fire with truth and impelled by the relentless fiat, "Go forth and speak to my people."—Hon. G. E. Foster in February Canadian Magazine.

"THE STAB IN THE BACK."

The French newspapers have referred to the Japanese attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur as a departure from the ethics of warfare and the act of barbarians. The editor calls it a stab in the back. Fifty years ago a Muscovite fleet sailed into the harbor of Sinope, in Asiatic Turkey, and without a moment's warning or the slightest indication of an intention to begin hostilities attacked a Turkish fleet of thirteen ships that were riding peacefully at anchor and unsuspicious of impending danger. Every Turkish vessel was sunk. A few of the crews escaped to the shore, but no effort was made by the Russians to save those who struggled in the water. The Turkish Admiral, all his staff, all the officers of the squadron and some 3,000 other lives were sacrificed by this act of atrocity. This massacre was the Czar's method of declaring war—in fact negotiations for a friendly settlement of all the points at dispute between the two nations were progressing at the time this cruel, cowardly blow was struck. Before the French papers begin to criticize the conduct of the Japanese at Port Arthur they should call to mind the massacre at Sinope. Nothing the brave little Japs have done or may do in the present war can equal the treacherous and bloody act of the Russians in 1853.

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The funeral of Dorothy, second daughter of Canon and Mrs. Hilton, took place from Christ Church last Saturday, and was conducted by the rector, Rev. E. Tyner. The church was crowded, testifying to Miss Dorothy's popularity and the warm sympathy of the Canon and Mrs. Hilton's friends. Selected and appropriate hymns were sung with the solemn service of the church. The pall bearers, personal and warm friends of the family, were Messrs. Barnes, Matthews, S. Heap and C. Grier. The casket was covered with flowers and wreaths, silent and becoming testimony of sympathy. Amongst these was a beautiful cross from the school children, and also from Christ Church Sunday school. We wish to express our sympathy with the bereaved parents.

"Grant her, Oh Lord, eternal rest,
And may Light perpetual shine on her."
—Macleod (Alta.) Gazette.

THE NORSK NIGHTINGALE ON THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.

Yoyfully, youfully,
Yoyfully onvard,
In dis har walley of death
Rode the sax hundred!
It ban a cinch, Ay tenk,
Some geezer blundered,
"Hustle! Yu Light Brigade!
Yump!" Maester Olson said;
Den in the walley of death
Go the sax hundred!

Cannon on right of dem,
Cannon on top of dem,
Cannon o top of dem,
Wolleyed and t'undered;
Smashed vith dis shot and shal,
Dey ant do wery val;
Most of dem ketching hal—
Nearly sax hundred!

Yes, all dem sabres bare
Flash purty gude in air;
Each faller feel his hair
Standing—no vonder!
Yudas! It ant ban yob
For any coward slob,
Fighting dis Russian mob—
Ay tenk ay vudn't stand
Yeneral's blunder.

Cannon on right of dem,
Cannon on top of dem,
Cannon behind dem, tu,
Wolleyed and t'undered.
Finally said Captain Grenk,
"Ve got enuff, Ay tenk!
Let's go and getting drenk,"
'Bout twenty-sax come back
Out of sax hundred!

Ven skol deir glory fade?
It ban gude charge dey made—
Every von vondered.
Every von feeling blue—
'Cause dey ban brave old crew,
Yolly gude fallers, tu,
Dis har sax hundred!
—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A CHAMBERLAIN EPISODE.

Piquant Story Told by a New Supporter.

Mr. H. W. Lucy, who has just been appointed parliamentary correspondent to the leading Chamberlainite organ in London, refers in the London Magazine to an incident in the career of Mr. Chamberlain, which he says, "had far-reaching consequences, not alone in the destinies of Mr. Gladstone but on the fate of the Liberal party and the current of Imperial events.

"When," he says, "in 1882, Mr. Forster resigned office as Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Chamberlain was prepared to succeed him. At that time he, in company with Sir Charles Dilke, was far in advance of Mr. Gladstone or any other member of the cabinet in the direction of Home Rule. He was in intimate correspondence with the Irish members, who were disposed to accept his assistance in freeing Ireland from coercion and administering the affairs of the country more in accordance with national aspirations.

"One of the most prominent and influential of them told me of an interview Mr. Chamberlain had with him immediately after the news arrived from Phoenix Park. Mr. Chamberlain was anxious to know what measure of support he might expect to receive from the Nationalists if he undertook the office of Chief Secretary.

"The Irish member asked whether it had been offered to him by the Premier. Mr. Chamberlain made no definite reply, but smiled with assurance accepted as meaning that if he would take it it was his.

"A few days later announcement was made that Mr. George Trevelyan was going to the Irish office. How Mr. Chamberlain heard the news, whether in cordial communication from the Premier, or through what are called the ordinary channels of information, I do not know. But the rebuff and the manner of dealing it were unforgettable and were not forgiven.

"Had his aspirations of the moment been realized, he would have been committed by ministerial action in Ireland in a direction that would have made it difficult for him to wreck the Home Rule Bill in 1886. Nor would there have been the incentive to pay off old scores."

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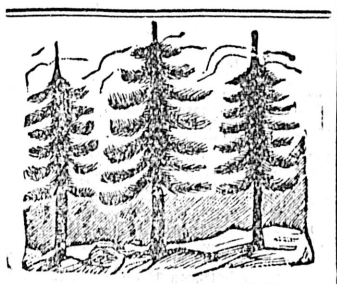

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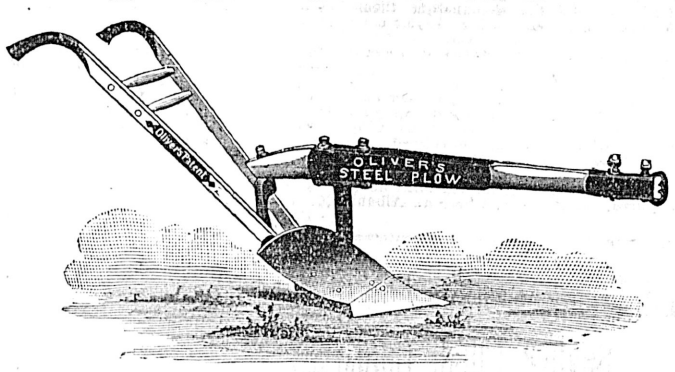

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Local News.

Dance at Esquimalt.—A dance has been arranged by the young people of Esquimalt, to take place this evening at the Public hall.

Whist Club.—The matches in the whist tourney under the auspices of the Fernwood Young Men's Club, will be continued this evening in the hall of the club, Chatham street.

Infant's Death.—The death occurred at the family residence, Esquimalt road, yesterday of Sidney Baden Powell, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, aged four years.

Arm Crushed.—A driver named Paul, employed by the Victoria Truck & Dray Company, had his arm badly injured on Wednesday morning. He fell from the seat of his truck, and in some way got his arm badly crushed.

W. C. T. U. Work.—The parlor meeting under the auspices of the Central W. C. T. U. has been postponed until Memorial Day, Thursday, February 18. A parliamentary drill was conducted yesterday by Mrs. Spofford at a meeting at Refuge Home.

P. O. Clerks Busy.—The staff at the local postoffice had a busy time of it on Wednesday evening and yesterday, the Charmer having brought over four days' accumulation of mail. Belated English mails arrived last evening, and the C. P. R. trains are now reported running on schedule time.

Saw the Battle.—The Boston Steamship Company's Pleiades, one of the liners which comes to this port, was at Port Arthur during the Japanese torpedo boat attack on the Russian fleet. The vessel is still there. She had 2,600 tons of cargo, mostly flour, consigned to Port Arthur from Seattle and Tacoma. The vessel flies the American flag, and so far has not been molested.

Teachers' Meeting.—This afternoon at 2:30 the Victoria teachers will convene in Y. M. C. A. hall in their third quarterly meeting of the year. Plans for the formation of the Vancouver Island Teachers' Institute will be advanced to completion. Papers on "Geography," by W. N. Winsby and G. A. Coates will be discussed by the pedagogues during a portion of the session.

Sister Mary's Funeral.—Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, the funeral of the late Sister Mary Ethelbert took place at St. Ann's convent. Services were conducted at the chapel by the Right Rev. Archbishop Orth, assisted by Rev. Fathers Nicolai, Laterme and Van Goethem. The following acted as pallbearers: L. G. McQuade, C. Lombard, J. Sehl, M. Lawless, M. C. Brown and L. Papillon.

Mortgage Sale.—Fell & Gregory, solicitors for the mortgagee, are calling for tenders up to March 11 next for the purchase of the following property: The east 70 acres of section 7 and the east 40 acres of section 8, range V., and the west half of section 8, range VI., Quamichan district, containing 160 acres, excepting that portion being the southeast corner of section 7, range V., conveyed to one Walter Foord.

New Lighthouse.—The Quadra, which will be commissioned for service on March 1st, will be immediately sent to replace the buoys which have been carried away from their positions by the recent bad weather. In the spring she will carry the necessary building material down the coast for the construction of the new lighthouse on Leonard Island, at the entrance to Clayoquot Sound, this work the department of fisheries having decided to undertake just so soon as the weather permits.

Dominion Exhibition.—A meeting of the joint committees from the Board of Trade, the city council, the Tourist Association and the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the City hall this evening to discuss what measures to take to advance the scheme to have the big Dominion exhibition held here next year. New Westminster is making a strong bid for the event, and in her aspiration has the support of the people of Vancouver, a largely signed petition in favor of New Westminster having been successfully circulated at the latter city.

Shuffle Tournament—Secretary Fisher of the Y. M. C. A. has drawn up the following for the first round of the shuffle tournament, as follows: J. Coates and A. H. Wilkinson vs. R. Dunn and Dr. Hall; E. Middleton and E. B. Jones vs. T Dougal and Loveridge; C Bate and T. W. Martindale vs. Fisher and Kinsey; E. M. Whyte and McLane vs. E. Campbell and Gawley; J. Middleton and F. Wilson vs. Gillis and Roskamp; C. E. Jones and L. Wilson vs. W. Northcott and M A. Thomas. These matches must be played off before Saturday, the 20th inst

Tickled to Death.—Local Japanese of all grades are giving themselves up to pardonable jumination over the puncture of the big Russian bluff balloon. Nearly all the little brown men want to go home and take chances on getting a show if the reserves are called out, as it seems likely they will be from the latest accounts. The rising sun flag is displayed at various places throughout the city, where the Japanese congregate. Money is being collected here for the Imperial war chest. The patriotism shown by the Japs is inspiring. They all express the utmost confidence in their army and navy to beat the Russians. One local Jap said the nation had had to wait a long time to square accounts with Russia, but now that the time had come the reckoning would be exacted down to the ultimate kotsu—Japan's smallest coin.

Hospital Cinderella.—Contributions of cake, sandwiches, fruit, candy, milk or groceries will be gratefully received by the Daughters of Pity at Assembly hall, Fort street, as early today as possible. Door open 7 p.m.; dancing for children to commence at 7.30 p.m. Adults, 10 p.m.

Nearly All Gone.—As was expected the snow did not last long on Victoria's streets. Yesterday practically the last vestige of the stuff was washed away by the rain. During the afternoon there was a slight flurry of flakes, but nothing to cause apprehension.

Police Court.—Yesterday morning Chung Sing was up in the police court for refusing to pay revenue tax. The case was withdrawn on Chung paying the same with costs. One drunk was fined $2.50 and costs and three cases failed to appear, having cleared out of town during the previous evening.

Painful Accident.—R. B. King, formerly of this city, but now with the Mainland Transfer Company, Vancouver, met with a serious accident a few days ago. He was operating the feed crusher and in some way his right hand got caught in the machine, and before they could get it stopped the hand became so badly crushed that it was found necessary to have it amputated above the wrist.

Popular Lectures.—The lecture on salmon propagation by the fisheries commissioner before the board of trade a few evenings ago proved such an enjoyable and instructive affair that Secretary Elworthy is endeavoring to arrange similar lecture events during the winter months. If an arrangement can be made the provincial mineralogist will shortly deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Board of Trade on the "Treatment of Ores."

"The Creation."—Notices are being sent to each member of the late "Creation" chorus to meet at the St. Andrew's schoolroom next Wednesday evening to hold the first practice during the latter portion of the evening. It is proposed to give the concert on March 8th next, and donate the proceeds to the funds to the Lifeboat Association. The circulars being sent out fully outline the scheme.

Many Members Remain.—Quite a detachment of the legislators is still in town, having decided to wait a few days before departing for their homes. Many visited the scene of their late labors yesterday, seemingly fascinated with the spell of the place. The pages and officers of the House were busy clearing up the chamber yesterday and getting it into apple-pie order for the next sitting, which may take place sooner than is generally expected.

Took Borings.—Mr. John Etten, an expert engineer from Seattle, yesterday took borings at the James' Bay flats at the site of the new G. P. R. tourist hotel. It is understood that it was established, as a result of the test, that it will not at all be a difficult matter to get a good foundation for the big structure. It is anticipated that at the next meeting of the city council final arrangements will be made for the purchase of the sand lot at Spring Ridge, from which material for filling in a portion of the flats will be obtained.

Drill Hall Concert.—What promises to be the greatest game of the senior league series will be played between the Bays and Victoria West teams at the Drill hall tomorrow evening. These teams are no doubt the strongest in the city league, and the result of this game is being watched with considerable interest by followers of this popular sport. A choice musical programme, including Abe Holzmann's latest march success, "Uncle Sammy," will be rendered by the regimental band. The game of basketball will start at 9.15, and will be played in part second of the musical programme.

The Posties' Show.—The postmen have been fortunate enough to secure the services of the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society, who will present the three-act drama, "Borderland," at their coming concert in the Victoria theatre on February 29th. Needless to say, their engagement will be a strong feature of the attractive programme. The postmen are busily engaged in drawing up, and the attractiveness of the bill, combined with its laudable object, should not fail to draw a good crowd of all who feel the benefits of the faithful labors of the mail carriers of Victoria.

Contribute to War Fund.—Local Japanese residents have decided to contribute a certain sum of money each month to the war fund. Every subject of the Mikado in this city is anxious to do something for his country. The reservists have not yet received any intimation from the Japanese consul regarding their recall to duty, although those in San Francisco have gone back. Word, however, is expected any time. A number of the reservists have communicated with the consul at Vancouver. They are all aching to get into the fight. There are, according to the last census, 4,515 Japanese in British Columbia.

Annual Concert.—On Tuesday evening next the annual concert of Court Cariboo, No. 743, A. O. F., will be held. An excellent programme has been prepared, as follows: Part I.—Overture, the Wallace orchestra; speech, M. J. Crehan, H. Sec.; vocal solo, Miss A. Kneeshaw; recitation, A. Semple; violin selection, Jesse Longfield; club, swinging, H. P. Mellish; selection, the Wallace orchestra. Part II.—Vocal solo, Mrs. F. Manson; phrenological readings, Mrs. Phoebe Le Messurier; vocal solo, Miss Bernice Scowcroft; reading, Mrs. McCallum; vocal solo, J. B. Binns; selection, the Wallace orchestra. Refreshments will be served later in the evening and a pleasant time is assured all who attend.

The Mayoralty.—Today at noon at the City hall Returning Officer Northcott will call for nominations for the position of mayor, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. G. H. Barnard. It is taken as a certainty that no candidate save Mr. Barnard will present himself, and Mr. Northcott will have the pleasing duty of declaring Mr. Barnard elected by acclamation. The latter will be sworn in at 11 a.m. tomorrow, and once again be placed in possession of the great seal of the corporation. During Mr. Barnard's absence from the chair of the chief magistrate his duties have fallen to the care of Ald. Grahame, who has performed them in a thoroughly efficient manner, all civic business being attended to with promptness and despatch.

Needs of Nitinat.—Settlers in the Nitinat valley on the west coast of the island ask the Colonist to urge that the Ottawa government make an appropriation for the purpose of removing a rock which obstructs the entrance to the harbor. Nitinat is about ten miles from Cape Beale and at the entrance to the straits. The waters of the valley of the Nitinat river and lake empties into the ocean right at or opposite Cape Flattery. The channel going into the lake from the sea is narrow for three or four hundred yards, but deep enough for small vessels at high tide, and vessels drawing twenty feet of water could run into the lake if the rock in the centre of the channel was blasted out. Probably it could be deepened to admit the entrance of deeper vessels in case of being caught in a storm. Already there are many quarter sections of land taken up in the valley, but no improvements done because the only outlet is through the narrow channel, and small steamers like the Queen City can not go in or up the lake until that rock is removed. The land fronting on the lake and up the valley will make a good many homes for farmers, as the land is as good soil as any part of the island, and the Ottawa government are asked to spend three of four thousand dollars to blast the rock.

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Live Wire—Last evening, at the corner of Cook and Fort streets, a live wire set fire to one of the telephone posts. The fire did not do the post very much damage.

Y. M. C. A. Minstrels.—The Y. M. C. A. minstrels organized last evening, and will hold the first practice on Monday evening next. Mr. Petch will conduct and will be supported by several experienced members, with Mr. Talbot as accompanist.

Social Next Tuesday.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. are arranging a social for Tuesday next, the 16th inst. There will be a short musical programme, games and refreshments. All members and their friends will be welcomed.

Tame Timber Wolf.—A large crowd gathered around Messrs. Cullin & Campbell's last night to witness the antics of a tame wolf pup that a logger had brought down from the upper country. The animal is only three months old, being about the size of a collie dog. It was remarkably tame and played about the store with everyone like a tame kitten.

Le Petit Crystal.—A refined entertainment and thoroughly enjoyable from the start to the finish is the general verdict of all who have seen the programme at the Le Petit Crystal Theatre this week. No one should miss seeing the De Lacy's in their Irish and Dutch act, quick change from former to latter, in which the little girl, seven years old, does some of the most clever acting ever seen on a stage. She is a marvel of grace and acts her part as perfectly as it is possible for any one to do. The "strong act," as it is called, by the Amalia family is very good and shows some wonderful feats of strength. The entertainment is good throughout, and all seem more than pleased who have seen it this week. The house is run in a thoroughly first class manner. Whilst the rules are a little exacting in some ways yet they are only just and right and will be endorsed by all when understood.

NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Sale of Timber Limits on the Island — Company Incorporations.

Sealed tenders will be received by W. S. Gore, deputy commissioner of lands and works, up to noon of Wednesday, March 2, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Vancouver island, known as lots 493, 611, 613, 614, 615, 616 and 618, Clayoquot district, containing in the aggregate 11,648 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to W. S. Gore, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($1,747.20), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $7,071, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

Sealed tenders will also be received by W. S. Gore up to noon of Wednesday, March 2, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Vancouver island, known as Lot 617, Clayoquot district, containing in the aggregate 3,080 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to W. S. Gore to cover the amount of the first years' rental ($467), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $1,200, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

A court of revision and appeal under the provisions of the "Assessment Act" will be held for the Esquimalt assessment district, at Parson's Bridge on Monday, March 7, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

For that portion of Victoria assessment district known as North Saanich, at Sidney, on Tuesday, March 8, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the assessment district of South Victoria, at John Camp's, Saanichton, on Tuesday, March 8, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at the Royal Oak on Wednesday, March 9, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

For the assessment districts of Victoria City, coast and islands, at the Court house, Bastion Square, on Thursday, March 10, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The following companies have been incorporated:

The Cascade Power Company, Limited, has been specially incorporated as a limited company, with a capital of $50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of $1 each, for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities created, granted and conferred in and by Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897."

"The Valley Dairy Company, Limited," with a capital of $10,000, divided into 1,000 shares of $10 each.

"The Fort Steele Brewing and Malting Company, Limited," with a capital of $150,000, divided into 750 shares of $200 each.

"The Great West Optical Manufacturing Company, Limited," with a capital of $100,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $10 each.

The "Cascade Steam Laundry Company, Limited," with a capital of $10,000, divided into 100 shares of $100 each.

The Crawford Double Rope Aerial Tramway System, Limited," with a capital of $10,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $1 each.

"The Kamloops Coal Development Company, Limited," "Non-Personal Liability," with a capital of $5,000, divided into 100 shares of $50 each.

The "Camp Creek Hydraulic Placer Mines, Limited," with a capital of $125,000 divided into 125,000 shares of $1 each.

"The Handy Gold Mines Development Company," as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897." The head office of the company is situated in the city of Spokane, county of Spokane, U. S. A.

The amount of the capital of the company is $1,500,000, divided into 1,500,000 shares of $1 each.

The head office of the company in this province is situate in the city of Kaslo, and Alfred John Curle, agent, whose address is Kaslo, B. C., is the attorney for the company.

Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard give notice that three months after date application will be made to the Lieut.-Governor in council by J. W. Mellor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the company to "The Melrose Co., Limited."

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The End of the Great Stock-taking and Clearance Sale at The Westside will be tomorrow. Stocks still further reduced in price. Don't delay but shop early and often at this popular store. *

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Continuation Of Clallam inquest

The Builder of the Clallam Gave His Evidence Yesterday Afternoon.

He Said That the Clallam Only Took Three Months to Build.

The inquest on the Clallam disaster was resumed yesterday afternoon.

Edward W. Heath was the first witness and said he was a resident of Tacoma and had built the steamer Clallam. He was a shipbuilder by trade, and had been in the business for sixteen years and had had twenty-four years' experience. He had been on the coast for five years.

He said he had built the Clallam from his own design, subject to the approval of the Puget Sound Steamship Company. He then detailed the measurements of the vessel, giving full dimensions over keel and gave the size of the timbers used in the construction.

She was built from good, sound fir, free from sap or any defect, and had an oak saddle port, sided14 inches at top, tapering to 10 inches at bottom and 15 inches deep, kneed with 12-inch knees and thoroughly bolted with one inch iron. The stanchions went down five feet below the main deck, 4x 6, each of these had a hanging knee under the upper deck. These stanchions were spiked to the frame and were put in before the planking and were planked with 2x4, matched, from the main rail to string above with 1x4.

The Clallam had ports below the main deck. They had a brass deadlight—an eight inch light, six inches in clear glass. The frame was let in flush with the planking and fastened with heavy brass screws. Witness thought they only had the single glass shutter. The frame spaces were not boxed around these lights. They were closed with a double clamp. The deck houses were held down by a three-quarter inch rod every six feet. Main deck houses were fastened to clamps, with two seven-eighths bolts in each beam. There were no bent beams and were supported by beam stanchions. He supplied the boats for the Clallam. The contract called for them, but he allowed the Puget Sound Company to look after the fitting of them. The Clallam had two watertight bulkheads, one aft and one just forward of the bunkers. His contract was for $28,000, but there was a little over $2,000 in extras. All his contract called for was the hull and no furnishings or fixtures. Capt. Roberts himself saw the Clallam several times before she was finished. The Clallam had no deadlights less than three feet from the waterline. The Clallam was the fiftieth boat he had built, and outside of the Albion which was wrecked, none of them have ever had a mishap.

The deadlights on the Clallam were the heaviest he ever put in. He often improved on the specifications and did so on the Clallam. He had no explanations to offer as to how the Clallam sunk.

She had a natural crook and her deadwork was at least six feet through. She had only about two carloads of freight, and if that had shifted it would never have listed enough to let water through the deadlights. He also felt certain that if the Clallam was raised her hull would be in as perfect condition as when she left the yard. He had nothing to say regarding the officers of the ship.

Witness said he had his own private opinion as to how the boat had been lost, but did not care to state it.

Asked regarding the statement that as soon as the Holyoke started to tow the water began to come in faster than ever, witness said he could not account for it, but had perfect faith that she was thoroughly intact even when she went down. After a little discussion among the jury re the evidence of Mr. Heath the coroner adjourned proceedings until 2 p. m. today.

After the adjournment the Colonist reporter had a few moments conversation with the previous witness and explained to him that there had been much criticism as regards the difference in the cost of the Princess Beatrice and the Clallam, also the short time it had taken to build the latter steamer.

Mr. Heath replied that the steamer Princess Beatrice was a much larger boat and required so much more timber than the Clallam that there could not possibly be any comparison. He said that the keel of the Clallam was laid on the 15th day of January and the boat was launched on the 15th day of April. "I had seventy men working on her and there was never a better boat built on the Pacific coast than her," he remarked.

Mr. Heath further said that he had built fifty boats and they are now all over the American continent, none having met with any mishaps save a tug which ran on the rocks. What proved to him that the company were pleased with the ship was the fact that they not only gave him a bonus of $500, but never took a cent of insurance out.

Mr. Heath came here solely on his own request and gave his evidence in a very clear and fair manner.

GOSSIP OF SIDNEY.

Sawmill Idle—Saanich Sympathizes With the Japanese.

W. R. Armstrong has rented his farm to Alex. Munroe and expects to leave for Kamloops in the course of a few weeks.

The sawmill is idle awaiting a boom of logs, which are expected to arrive at an early date.

Mr. Henry Brethour has secured the work for taking out the piles for the breakwater at Sidney and expects to commence operations at once.

Considering the snowstorm, the congregations were large in the churches on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watchorn, of the Montreal district, have been visiting Sidney for a few days, and were the guests of the Rev. T. H. Wright, a former pastor.

A scow drifted to Coal Island during the recent gale and was captured by local residents. The owner was notified and paid the salvage, to the joy of the recipents.

Good prices are realized for chickens in view of the Chinese New Year.

The newspapers are eagerly awaited and their pages rapidly scanned for news from the seat of war. The sympathies of the people here are with the Japanese.

We had the interesting experience of a boat launch last week. Albert Berquist successful launched his boat, which he intends constructing into a tug. To the delight of all, after some little hardship, she was got into the water, where she floats like a duck. Her boiler and fire box are of the best material, and will be put in as soon as the weather becomes mild. The pupils of the school were delighted with the sight as she was going off the ways.

Snow Causes Mishap.—The heavy fall of snow on the line of the E. & N. railway caused an engine and coal car to jump the track at Extension. This prevented two shifts of miners from going up to work from Ladysmith, but work was shortly afterwards resumed.

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Annual Ball Of the Eagles

A Brilliant Affair at Assembly Hall on Wednesday Night.

Elaborate Decorations and Great Crowd Takes Part in Masquerade.

The fifth annual ball of Victoria Eagles, Aerie No. 12, took place Wednesday night in the Assembly Hall, and certainly far eclipsed anything they previously have given in this city. From the swarthy Indian of the American continent, to the sturdy little Jap of the Far East, were represented among the jolly crowd of maskers. The costumes certainly were magnificent, characters well sustained, floor perfect, music the best, and the supper most delicious and daintily served. In fact, nothing was overlooked to make the night memorable to all those who had the pleasure of being present. In speaking of costumes it would be a very difficult matter to discriminate, but the judges, after a great deal of care and thought, gave their decisions which apparently met with the approval of everyone present. The task was a difficult one, but their awards fair. The following are the list of prize-winners:

Grand Tombola, Mrs. V. M. Graham (one family half-cabinet Singer sewing machine, value $75.)

Finest costumed lady masker, Mrs. M. O'Keefe, New Jersey range, value $35.)

Best national character by lady, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher (magnificent massive quarter oak upholstered rocker, value $25, presented by Smith & Champion.)

Best original character representing any business firm or stock in trade, lady, Miss F. Snyder (dinner set, 97 pieces, gilt lined and illuminated, value $15, presented by Hastie's Fair.)

Best sustained character, lady, Mrs. P. Shandley (aluminium guitar, value $25, presented by Herbert Kent.)

Best original character representing a trade or profession, lady, Mrs. A. K. Lalelvre (china tea set, 40 pieces, value $8, presented by Hastie's Fair.)

Most comical character, lady, Mrs. Gordon (silver cake basket, value $7, presented by C. E. Redfern.)

Finest costumed gentleman masker, T. M. Brayshaw (Columbia grand graphophone, value $50, presented by M. W. Waitt & Co.).

Best national character, gentleman, J. Todhunter (elegant massive quarter oak upholstered easy chair, value $25, presented by Smith & Champion.)

Best original character representing any business firm or stock in trade, gentleman, J. H. Smith (Morris reclining chair, value $15, presented by Smith & Champion.)

Best sustained character, gentleman, J. Lyon (Dobson banjo, value $20, presented by M. W. Waitt & Co.)

Best original character representing a trade or profession, gentleman, H. Norman (beautiful lamp, value $12.50, presented by Hastie's Fair.)

Most comical character, gentleman, Messrs. Price and Randolph (one ton of coal, presented by Hall & Walker.)

Person selling most tickets, J. Oliver ($10 in cash, presented by Henry Siebenbaum.)

Following were those who acted on the committees:

General Committee: Chairman, A. W. Von Rhein; secretary, Frank Leroy; treasurer, M. O'Keefe; W. E. Wheeler, Jos. Wachter, F. V. Robertson, G. B. Howard and Thos. Gold.

Reception Committee, Chairman, H. F. W. Behnsen; D. T. Barnhardt, Thos. Brayshaw, A. E. Austin, G. W. Wood, S. A. Bantley, L. G. Gurns, C. W. Potts, C. W. Cappelman, John Davis, P. W. Dempster, J. M. Hughes, John Richards, Dr. J. Gibbs.

The decorations in the drill room were much the same as the Native Sons' ball, but the supper room was a bower of beauty, and far surpassed anything of the kind ever given in Victoria.

The various committees in charge deserve the greatest credit for the splendid manner in which every detail was carried out, and it is safe to say the Victorians are already counting on the Eagles' next.

Mrs. Oliver, representing a court lady, wore a magnificent costume and the judges had a very hard task in giving their decision. J. Todd as a Japanese warrior, and W. J. Elliott as an Indian, were too very well sustained characters. Mr. A. L. Davis, Major Munroe, W. H. Price, G. C. Smith and J. R. Collister, acted as judges. Mrs. Graham was the lucky winner of the grand tombola.

The floor committee was Joseph Wachter, chairman, and Ed. Geiger, H. J. Geake and H. Monteith.

SPORTING NEWS.

BASKETBALL.

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. A. A.

Victoria West defeated the Y M. C. A's last evening by a score of 24-4 in an intermediate league game. This leaves the standing of the clubs as follows:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
J. B. A. A.	3	2	1	66 2-3
Y. M. C. A.	4	1	3	25
V. W. A. A.	4	4	0	100
F. Y. M. A.	3	0	3	00

J. B. A. A. vs. V. W. A. A.

On Saturday evening at the Drill Hall there will be witnessed without doubt one of the hottest games that have taken place in the city during the past few years. The game is guaranteed to be fast and furious from start to finish, as both teams are in excellent shape and practicing hard. The standing of the two teams in the City League is as follows:

	Play.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Victoria West A. A.	4	4	0	100
J. B. A. A.	4	3	1	75

It will be seen from the above that if Victoria West wins this game they will undoubtedly take the championship, but on the other hand if victory goes to the James Bay team, their percentages will be even, so that both teams are on their mettle and are determined to win. The interest in the game may be further aroused by the fact that the game lost by the Bays was against the Victoria West team, and the Bays are of the opinion they can reverse their defeat and the Victoria West boys are equally certain they can maintain their advantages. The line-up of the teams will be as follows:

J. B. A. A.—Peden and Belyea, forwards; F. Smith, centre; Pettingell (capt.), Finlaison, guards.

V. W. A. A.—C. Fairall and W. Fairall, forwards; Baker, centre; Monteith and Crocker, guards.

HOCKEY.

At Oak Bay on Saturday the Victoria seniors will meet a team composed of intermediates and High School players. The latter team will be represented by the following: Goal, H. Brown; full backs, S. Winsby, Pope; half backs, A. Futcher, Cobbett, Carne (capt.); Gibson, McInnes. Reserve, Nason. The above players are requested to be on hand at 2:30 sharp.

Wires In Trouble.—From 6 p. m. yesterday till midnight Victoria was shut off from all telegraphic communication with the outside world and no Associated Press matter reached the Colonist until a very late hour. This accounts for the paucity of the despatches appearing this morning. The C. P. R. got its wires working at midnight, the lines having been prostrated by falling trees at some point on the island.

A Noble Grecian.—A native of the classic city of Athens, at present a resident of Victoria, produces a recent copy of the Times of that place, wherein in the alpha, beta, gamma, delta, of modern Greece it is set forth that the Japanese Admiral Katsu is a native of Pellen, nigh unto Volu, in the land of Homer and other immortals. The aforesaid paper states that the family of the admiral is at present residing in the above place.

The Chinese Murder Case

Mr. George Powell Addressed His Worship on Behalf of Prosecution.

The Actual Trial Will Start This Morning at Ten O' Clock.

The trial of Wong On and Wong Gow for the murder of Mun Quann was commenced yesterday afternoon before His Worship Magistrate Hall in the Police court. The court was crowded with Chinese.

The stenographer, Mrs. Blygh, was sworn, as was also the interpreter.

Messrs. Cane, Moresby and Geo. Powell were representing the prosecution. Mr. Powell addressed his honor, outlining the case. He said the murder was the outcome of a brutal assault, which was only carrying out a threat on the night previous to the murder. On this occasion the deceased invited a few of his friends to have supper. The invited guests were awaiting the arrival of the host. Nan Yuen, one of the musicians, called the deceased a liar, and repeated it in the presence of the Joss. Fighting ensued and the deceased returned for his supper. Nan Yuen came again and wanted to fight again. Shortly after one of the accused, Wong On, came and wanted to fight deceased. Wong On returned with another and wanted to fight. Ah Fat called out that the hour was late and for them to go. The men dispersed, having first warned Ah Fat that they would fix him tomorrow night.

The next evening the deceased, being afraid after the threats used, asked several of his friends to loiter around and see that he was not harmed. The balance of the address outlined the facts as already given in connection with this case.

Mr. Powell produced a plan of the room, drawn by Detective Palmer, for the purpose of enlightening his honor as to the general situation.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, K. C., suggested that only the white witnesses be heard, and that the Chinese witnesses be kept out of court excepting the one actually giving his evidence. He suggested an adjournment until this morning at 10 o'clock, which was accordingly done.

MARINE NOTES.

The big German bark Magdalene, under charter to the Portland Grain Company to load wheat for the United Kingdom, is taking cargo at Portland, Ore. The Magdalene brings the spot chartered fleet in port up to four vessels. Puget Sound is without a single wheat ship under charter, and there are but two in San Francisco, the German ship Herogin Cecelie and the French bark Jean Bart.

Capt. Arthur Sewall, of Port Townsend, well known in this port as master and owner of the American ship Benjamin Sewall, recently wrecked in the Orient, has purchased the steam schooner Arthur B., and will run her out of Port Townsend on the Puget Sound routes.

The ruling depth of the Columbia river at the end of the fiscal year between Portland and the sea, is now about 20 feet at low water. The increase in depth since commencement in improvement is about six feet, with a good navigable depth of channel.

San Francisco papers state that the British bark Thistle is ballasting in the Bay City for the purpose of proceeding to Portland to load wheat.

The British ship Drumcraig is out 75 days from Sydney, N. S. W., for San Francisco.

The French bark Noemi, 194 days out from Newcastle, England, is an overdue at San Fransisco.

The rough weather and strong southwest winds that have prevailed off the California coast for some days, have probably prevented the British ship Marathon from entering San Francisco harbor. She is now out 162 days from Antwerp with a general cargo. Last Monday the Marathon was spoken by the steamer Mariposa, 600 miles southwest of that port, and nothing has since been heard of the vessel.

The Amur, of the C. P. R. Skagway service, will, says the Vancouver Ledger, be taken from commission at the end of the present month, and be replaced until May 1st by the favorite steamer Princess May, which has been laid up for some months, or ever since the summer and fall northern traffic dropped off. The May will carry the service alone for two months and after that will be joined with the Amur, putting up the same alternative service as given last year.

The British ship Linlithgowshire, is in loading lumber at the Hastings mill for Fremantle, Australia.

On Monday H. M. S. Egeria will go on the marine slip at Esquimalt for a general overhaul.

Repairs to H. M. S. Flora are progressing satisfactorily. It has been ascertained that the cruiser sustained no serious straining on the Village Point rocks.

Steamer Ramona takes the place of the steamer Cattage City sailing on the 13th inst., for Skagway and way ports.

IYO MARU COMING.

Mr. K. J. Burns has received the following cable from Yokohama: "Iyo Maru left Yokohama February 10th, with sixty-five tons of cargo for Victoria and one Chinese." She is due here February 24th.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: Mrs. Hobson, W. G. Chase, J. W. W. Stewert and wife, Miss Palmer, F. J. Hall, W. A. Montgomery, J. Hecht, W. R. Wilson, H. Pearson, A. E. Suckling, F. Malcolm, J. B. Hobson, D. Douglas, Miss Bechtel, Mrs. Neill, Geo. Neil, L. Walton, E. Mulford, H. Davidson, Capt. S. F. McKenzie, Mrs. Healey, J. E. Durand N. Labin, C. F. Venables, J. L. Helliwell, R. Muir and wife, G. McDonald, E. J. Coyle, B. W. Greer.

Passengers per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle: J. Lantudale, Mrs. Anderson M. Lenz, Miss Imbert, R. Wesley, Benj. Brighton, B. M. Murray, A. M. Fayle, Frank Weir, E. A. Anderson, G. H. Sproat, Mrs. Weir, W. H. Mercean, Mr. Ranham, J. Leatherdale, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. McGowan, S. M. Mills, H. Pransham, Jas. Anderson.

Passengers per steamer Whatcom from the Sound: W. A. Lockwood, N. Strong, Miss Drew, Harvey Combs, Jas. Sorly, M. Burnes, Geo. McLean, E. E. Patterson, Jas. Littey, Wm. Donney, Mr. Gilmore, C. R. Stacey, Mrs. Collins, Wm. Lester, C. E. Insley and wife, Mr. Heath and wife, A. Wilson, Geo. Simpson, A. Harvey, Miss Lerchan, S. Tossfield, Jno. Martin, M. J. Knill, J. B. Elkins, Wm. McKay, H. Chester.

CONSIGNEES.

Consignees per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: Paterson Shoe Co., N. W. Smelting Co., Crofton, W. H. Adams, J. Sluggett & Son, L. C. Rayner, D. Spragge, F. R. Stewart, Brown & Cooper, John Tolmie, Brackman-Ker, Albion Iron Works, J. J. Russell, T. R. Cusack, Hutcheson, Dodwell & Co., Wilson Bros., S. Leiser, E. B. Marvin, Cochrane, Watson & McGregor, Henderson Bros., Geo. Munro, C. Pearson, Hudson's Bay Co., R. Angus, J. H. Todd & Son, D. H. Ross & Co., E. G. Prior & Co.

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TODAY IS THE DAY.—The public are reminded that this is the day of the Big Auction Sale of the most elegant and costly Household Furniture and Effects ever offered for sale in this province, consisting principally of costly and superb hand-made English goods in oak, mahogany and English ash. Those who fancy the elegant and superfine should not miss this sale. Sale commences at 2 p.m. today at Hardaker's auction rooms, Douglas street.

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Special Committee On Arbitration

Architect Rattenbury Gave Evidence on His Own Behalf Yesterday.

The Last Night's Progrogation Closes the Work of the Committee.

The special committee appointed to enquire into the report of the arbitrators regarding the building of Carey Castle, met again Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The chairman remarked that as the legislature was likely to prorogue at any moment it was only fair to allow Mr. Rattenbury to give his evidence.

Mr. Rattenbury, on being sworn, replied in answer to Mr. Duff, that he had been an architect for 20 years, having received his education in Bradford, England. He had resided in British Columbia since 1892, and during his residence here had been architect for the Parliament Buildings, the Court House at Nanaimo and for the alterations in Court House here. His system in supervising the construction of these buildings had been exactly similar to that of building Carey Castle.

Mr. Duff then went very carefully into the award of the arbitration committee, taking clause by clause. Clause three in the specifications gave witness the power to decide the cost of any alteration that he ordered in the contract. Mr. Rattenbury in leading up to his appointment, explained to the committee that one day Mr. Wells sent for him and asked him to look over some plans submitted. Mr. Wells then asked witness to act in conjunction with the architect who had made the plans. After carefully examining them, witness remarke that he did not care to act. Mr. Wells then asked witness if he would prepare plans, but he refused, saying that after seeing the plans everybody would accuse him of having acted for his own advantage. He was finally appointed supervising architect, and having been asked who to suggest as architect, he named Mr. Maclure, each to get half the fees.

Witness explained that shortly after the work started, Mr. Maclure was taken ill and he had then to do practically all the work himself, but he never departed from his original agreement of dividing the fees with Mr. Maclure.

Passing on to the charges, witness pointed out that there were only a few clerical errors, and positively no architectural errors. With regard to any changes, witness said he always consulted Mr. Wells. With regard to the bay window, oak panneling and other little changes, witness said some were suggested by the Lieutenant-Governor. That gentleman did not order any work to be done, however, but on his suggestions witness put them before the Minister.

Witness then took up some minor alterations, explaining carefully on the plans as to why said alterations had been made.

With regard to the size of the room that had been built, 24 feet instead of 22, witness said owing to an error of one of his clerks the number 22 had been put down on one of the plans instead of 24, so that the contractor might probably have been misled. All the other plans were perfectly correct. Mr. Drake, in puting in a claim for pay for this extra would have to prove to witness' satisfaction that he had been misled by this. In regard to the claim of the arbitrators that they could never get the original tracings, witness said that if they did have them it would be quite impossibly to be guided by them; the contractor himself never saw the original tracings, and the contract was based and estimated from the blue prints and not the tracings.

Witness said his general practice was to value and consider all additions. In a letter to the Premier, witness allowed $14,223 which was all that was allowed. The contractor's original contract for the main building being $44,764.50, but that did not cover decorating, heating and lighting.

Witness stated that he gave orders to Mr. Drake, on request, for any changes or alterations.

The chairman questioned witness if outside of the small clerical errors mentioned, he considered the plans perfect. Witness replied that he did. Nobody had any authority or power to make any alterations save Mr. Maclure and himself. As far as Mr. Pearce having anything to say, the only recollection he had of his doing very much was laying out the foundation on behalf of Mr. Drake. Regarding invoices, witness remarked that they were all in his possession and that he never refused them to anyone; the only time they left his office was when Mr. Drake brought them to be O. K.'d, but they always came back to him after they had been paid. He said he had a system of keeping all invoices, etc., in his office, and as an example, could get any invoice of the Parliament Buildings that was asked of him, in five members. Witness remarked that he could not remember arbitrators having asked him for invoices. Regarding the ordering of goods in his own name, witness said that he ordered goods as F. M. Rattenbury, Architect, mentioning the building for which the goods were to be provided. The invoice always came to him and he O. K'd them. Merchants, both in England and America, generally allow a commission on ordering goods, but this he invariably deducted from the bills sent in.

Witness then gave several clear instances of how he had deducted the commission in the interests of the government, on one occasion he was allowed 5 per cent discount from an English firm, which amounted to $140. He credited the government with that amount.

Witness wrote a stinging letter to a firm, saying he was not in the habit of accepting a commission under such conditions, and as a matter of fact, he was still out the $140, as although they promised to send it, up to date they have not.

Weller Bros. were paid 7½ per cent on the net cost of the furniture. Regarding the paper that went to Union Club, there were two distinct orders, although packed in the same case. The rolls that had his name on were for the Union Club. He never authorized anyone to take any paper away except the drawingroom paper, but told Mr. Jeeves to put the rest of it under lock and key.

At this stage a general argument ensued, Mr. Hooper claiming that he and the other arbitrator were being blamed for things they had never said, when as a matter of fact, the man that had remarked about the paper going to the Union Club was Mr. Jeeves; that gentleman had been running around the different street corners telling everybody, but when examined, denied everything.

Mr. Rattenbury explained that when the drawingroom paper arrived it was not suitable and suggested to Mellor Bros. to take it and procure from England paper of suitable design and value in its place.

With regard to the grates, witness said they were ordered through Mr. W. Anderson, who got the usual broker's commission for his trouble. When the grates arrived they were immediately paid for by invoice. All the grates were only suitable to burn coal, and as a large one was wanted in the smoking room to burn both wood and coal, a change was made, and an American grate purchased from Mr. Anderson.

Witness explained how he had first exchanged the grates, but finally took the English grate from Mr. Anderson for his own house, but through a mistake of Mr. Anderson's, the government had at first been charged for eleven grates. This was afterwards corrected. Witness explained clearly to the committee how absurd it would be to suppose that there could be any underhand work with Mr. Anderson, as he would practically have put himself in his hands for the rest of his life; besides he didn't believe anyone could suppose Mr. Anderson would be a party to such a transaction. Witness said that Mr. Dalton was his guest at dinner one night and he had pointed out to Mr. Dalton the grate, and had explained to him the circumstances under which he had obtained it and the marble, etc., and that Mr. Dalton went down to the other arbitrators and told them, making them think that witness had improperly obtained these articles.

Both Messrs Hooper, Muir and Dalton denied the conversation.

Witness here remarked that no one could possibly attack his honesty; there was not a contractor or tradesman in this country or any other, that could say he had ever received a cent of commission for anything.

As far as the marble was concerned, witness stated that the first marble sent up to Carey Castle went there by mistake. On opening the case it was too small, and after examining it, witness discovered it was what he ordered for his own house.

Witness stated that at this time he had $960,000 worth of buildings going on under his supervision, and it was quite possible for some things to be sent to the wrong place. As a matter of fact, he had over 3,000 feet of marble ordered for different places.

Witness stated as a rule he rarely put both gas and electric light as well in any of his buildings, but in regard to Carey Castle he was instructed to have it put in, which accounts for the additional expense.

An explanation was made by witness of the fixtures appearing on the accounts which were not in the building. They were held by himself, and Hinton had agreed to give $100 for them, not particularly for Government House. It was thought that they might be used in Government House afterwards, and he had arranged with Mr. Drake to take them at $90. Whe nthe fixtures arrived from England it was found these would not harmonize, and Hinton took these from the government at the original $100 cost.

There were no alterations in the building. He found it cheaper to put in the heating arrangements after a building was completed.

Speaking of changes without authority, witness said that in most cases he consulted Mr. Wells. The building is almost identical with what the plans call for, the extras being for additional works, and he never made any changes in building except with an idea of improving. He never knew of any building of an artistic nature that did not require changes, although ordinary commercial structures could, of course, be erected without any changes from the design whatever.

On the matter of the chaingang quarters witness said that Mr. Drake claimed $2,100. Mr. Maclure estimated it worth $1,500.

Given the memorandum sent to Mr. McBride as an approximate cost of the buildings. The architect's fees being estimated on the full cost, it would therefore be uncertain until the buildings were completed. This memorandum did not accompany the letter written by the architect to Mr. McBride. Mr. Maclure dealt altogether with the chaingang quarters. There was nothing misleading in the report to the ministers. He could not recollect the board asking him concerning this.

Mr. Hooper said that Mr. Maclure said that he estimated the work worth $750 or $800.

Mr. Rattenbury said that he was surprised to hear this, as Mr. Maclure told him after examining it that the work was worth $1,500.

Mr. Hooper, reading from Mr. Maclure's evidence, showed that the work was worth about $750.

Mr. Ross pointed out that later in the evidence Mr. Maclure said this was increased.

It was decided to adjourn, it being understood that if the House did not prorogue, the committee would meet at 10 o'clock yesterday.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office.
Victoria, Feb. 11.—S p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

An important ocean storm area with a centre below 29 inches, is approaching Vancouver Island. It is already causing a heavy southeasterly gale, both on the Coast and Straits, and is likely to become general from Northern British Columbia to Oregon. Owing to wires being down no reports have been received from the American coast. The weather though still cold, is slowly moderating both in Cariboo and in the Territories.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	34	42
New Westminster	34	38
Kamloops	20	..
Barkerville	—10	6
Dawson	—28	—10
Calgary	—16	6
Winnipeg	—18	— 2
Portland, Ore.	36	..
San Francisco	46	..

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Strong winds or gales from the eastward at first, unsettled with sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland: Strong winds or gales on the Gulf, unsettled with sleet or rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 11.

Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m. 38	Mean	38
Noon 39	Highest	42
5 p.m. 35	Lowest	34

The velocity and direction of the winds were as follows:

5 a.m. 8 miles east.
Noon 12 miles northeast.
5 p.m. 10 north.

Average state of weather—Rain.
Rain and melted snow—.34 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.452
Corrected 29.502

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 29.24

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NOTICE.

Tenders for Timber Limits.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, 2nd March, 1904, from any person who may desire to obtain a lease, under the provisions of section 42 of the "Land Act," for the purpose of cutting timber therefrom, of a timber limit situated on Vancouver Island, known as Lots 493, 611, 613, 614, 615, 616 and 618, Clayoquot District, containing in the aggregate 11,648 acres.

The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($1,747.20), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also a certified cheque for $7,071.00, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 9th February, 1904.

Carbons and Globes

Tenders, whole or separate, will be received by the undersigned up to 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday the 22nd inst., for the following, viz:

60,000 Carbons, ⅝ inch x 12 inch, copper coated.

70,000 Carbons, 7-16 inch x 12 inch, copper coated.

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2 Gross Clear Arc Globes, 8x12x12x2½ inch.

Tenders must be properly signed, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, from whom also specifications can be obtained.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 4th, 1904.

In the Matter of the Will and Estate of Godfrey Kennell, Deceased.

Tenders will be received addressed to the Executors of this estate up to the 12th day of February, 1904, for the purchase of lot No. 61, Victoria City, with the 5 cottages thereon.

The property is situated on the southwest corner of Blanchard and View streets opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated 12th January, 1904.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Solicitor for Executors,
Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthieu Blacquiere, late of the City of Victoria, Deceased.

Whereas upon application made in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 23rd of January, 1904, probate of the will of the above deceased was granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Peter Corr, the executor therein named.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Matthieu Blacquiere, who died on or about the seventh day of January, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of March, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further, take notice, that after the said 7th day of March, 1904, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have notice and that the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd February, 1904.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Executor. Offices Bank of Montreal Chambers, corner of Government and Bastion streets, Victoria, B. C.

The Victoria Wharf & Warehouse Co. Ltd

Six Per Cent Debentures

Sixth Annual Drawing 6th Feb., 1904

The following are the numbers of the debentures drawn for repayment at par on and after the first day of March next. Interest thereon ceases on the 1st day of March next. Sixty debentures numbers:

8	52	169	280	374	458
11	60	173	289	376	459
17	77	175	294	387	462
32	95	176	306	394	485
37	98	187	314	398	500
38	101	189	315	411	507
43	112	217	332	422	521
44	129	241	339	446	545
46	130	242	342	447	568
51	131	271	358	449	596

Sixty debentures at $500.00 each, $30,000.

The above mentioned debentures will be paid on and after the 1st day of March next on presentation at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, B. C.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.

Countersigned:
JAMES H. LAWSON, JR.,
Notary Public, Victoria, B. C.,
February, 1904.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Messrs. Wood & Smith, mining brokers, Duncans, B. C., have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. f10

Dated Duncans, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1904.

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The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the timber limits for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque, made payable to the undersigned, to cover the amount of the first year's rental ($467.00), and the amount of bonus tendered, and also certified cheque of $1,200.00, being the cost of cruising and surveying the limits. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 4th February, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that three months after date application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, by J. W. Mellor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the company to "The Melrose Co., Limited."

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
February 9th, 1904.

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McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
October 8th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the International hotel, to Richard McGoldrick.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.

GEO. B. HOWARD,
By his Attorney in Fact.
C. A. HOLLAND.

THE VICTORIA WHARF & WAREHOUSE CO., LTD.

Six Per Cent Debentures.

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the conditions upon which the above-named debentures were issued, a drawing of the debentures to be paid off at par on the 1st of March next will take place at the company's office, Wharf street, Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 6th day of February, at 11 a. m.

The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23rd, 1904.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next session of the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Everett Exchange" Saloon, Esquimalt road, to Phillip Cromble.

FRED MASON.
By his Attorney in Fact.
W. F. DICKSON.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board for a transfer of the license issued in my name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, in the city of Victoria, to Jacob J. Schmidt, of the said city of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th January, 1904.

JOHN H. GOSNELL.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for the transfer of the license now held by me, to George L. Jones, for the purpose of selling wines, spirits, beer, etc., on the premises known as the "Albion" Saloon, situated on the corner of Commercial Alley and Yates street, in this city.

JAMES McMANUS.
Dated Victoria, B. C., December 24th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Having purchased the business of Steitz's Restaurant, I beg to announce that the same will be conducted in a first class manner in my name.

R. STEITZ.
Victoria, Jan. 15th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that Robert Martin of the city of Vancouver, B. C., will at the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, apply to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, for a grant of the foreshore rights in Port Simpson Harbor, in the Province of British Columbia, adjoining the east fractional half (½) of section three (3), township one (1), range five (5), in the Coast District of British Columbia, of which said lands the said Robert Martin is the registered owner. And notice is further given that the plans of the said foreshore have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and with the Registrar of Deeds at Victoria, B. C., pursuant to the statute.

O. L. SPENCER,
Solicitor for Applicant.
Dated at Vancouver, B. C., 20th January, 1904.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Agents to sell Kryslin in Victoria and elsewhere. Apply Factory, 187 Douglas street. f11

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LOST—Will the lady who took by mistake from Institute Hall, last night, a valuable fur boa, kindly return the same to this office? f12

LOST—$15 in bills, at or near Queen City Bakery, Douglas street, on Wednesday about noon. Reward at Colonist. f12

LOST—Jersey heifer. Leave word at Watson & Hall's, Yates street. f11

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FOR SALE—Fresh calved cow and calf, good for either family or dairy. J. Sherburn, Oscar St., Fairfield road. f11

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FOR SALE—$1600—Five roomed cottage, bath, corner lot, on monthly instalment plan. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street. m13

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TO LET—Sunny front rooms, or housekeeping; $1.00 per week up. Burns House. f7

TO LET—Nicely furnished Housekeeping rooms, $3.50 per week. 118 Douglas. f6

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TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms en suites and bath room, with hot and cold water, at 104 Pandora. Apply 97 Quadra street. f2

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A report, happily unfounded, reached the Colonist office last evening that a vessel was in distress out Esquimalt way and was firing rockets. It was suggested that perhaps the sealing schooner Jessie, which had anchored during the day in the Royal roads, was dragging her anchors. This, upon investigation, was found to be untrue, and it eventually transpired that Messrs. Hitt Bros. were testing ship rockets from the point near the Indian reserve, which is the only point from which Chief Watson will allow such tests, and they deemed last evening a good time to test some rockets with the result as stated.

When the report reached this office a reporter immediately started out to learn the facts and ran across Capt. Dallain, who said that if the original report was true the Kestrel would immediately be despatched to render assistance. Capt. Dalnain said that the department of marine and fisheries has issued instructions that the Kestrel is to be kept ready to proceed to the aid of vessels in distress at any and all times, and thus, if possible, prevent any repetition of the awful disaster of last month, when the Clallam foundered and so many precious lives were lost.

Last evening in case the original report happened to be true there would have been no time lost, as Mr. John Day of the Esquimalt hotel, notified the officers of H. M. S. Flora, who also went to the water front to see if there was any vessel in distress but, of course, found everything snug and all the vessels in the roads riding easy.

WHATCOM'S ROUGH TRIP.

The steamer Whatcom had a very rough passage across the Straits during the heavy storm Tuesday. She was delayed many hours, but came through it unharmed. The gale is described as probably the worst that has been encountered in these waters in ten years.

The Dominion government steamer Kestrel is still in the harbor doing duty while the D. G. S. Quadra is getting ready to resume commission.

THE OVERDUE LIST.

The following vessels are quoted for reinsurance:

Theodor, from Montevideo to San Francisco, 140 days, 25 per cent.; Martaban, from Java to Barbadoes, 149 days, 90 per cent.; Robert Rickmers, from Rangoon to Bremen, 124 days, 15 per cent.; Dochra, from Rockhampton to Adelaide, 88 days, 30 per cent.

ITALIAN CRUISER SAILS.

The Italian cruiser Puglia Captain Ulrico Piscetto, sailed last Sunday morning from San Francisco for Yokohama, via Honolulu. When this warship arrived at San Francisco she came with the expectancy of remaining there for three months, during which time it was her intention to make trips up and down the coast and visit adjacent points north and south. On her arrival there, however, cable messages awaited her and she was ordered to fit herself out with all possible expediency and sail to the Orient as soon as possible.

THE CHIEFTAIN.

Mr. Cunningham's Historic Little Craft is Undergoing Repairs.

Lying at Spratt's wharf is the stout little steamer Chieftain, belonging to Mr. Cunningham, of Port Essington. The Chieftain has the unique distinction of being the only craft up north of any size and she has made some remarkable voyages. She is a steamer of 65 tons and is 87 feet long, fitted with triple expansion engines made by the Albion Iron Works thirteen years ago, and as good today as when first installed. She develops 22 nominal horse power and steam is generated in a boiler of the Scotch marine type, eight feet long and eight feet diameter.

Muirhead & Mann have the contract for the woodwork, and Mr. Cunningham is having entirely new upper works placed on the vessel. When completed they will include a room for the owner, a wheelhouse and chart room and a cosy little galley.

Hinton & Co. are installing electric light, and will include among the other fixtures a powerful searchlight.

New fixings for the rudder chains have been fitted aft, and when the little steamer has been hauled onto Turpel's ways and cleaned and painted, she will be as good as the day she was first launched.

The Chieftain has been in places where no other steamer has ever been along the northern coast, and once, Mr. Cunningham said, took 260 passengers on an excursion trip.

The local inspectors are very particular with steamers just now, and everything has been done on the Chieftain, so that when completed, she can pass the most rigid examination.

MARINE NOTES.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Iyo Maru sailed from Yokohama for Seattle yesterday. Despite the assertions of the local manager of the company that she would sail on schedule time, other marine men predicted that she would be impressed by the Japanese government for transport service.

As far as the local office is advised, the Seattle line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will continue as heretofore. Discussing the persistent report of a discontinuance, W. E. Farr, chief clerk to F. M. Studley, Seattle manager of the line, yesterday said:

We have had no notice whatever of even a possible discontinuance of our line. The Iyo sailed this morning from Yokohama for Seattle, and the Aki is scheduled to follow her February 23. The Kaga left this port yesterday.

I see no prospect of a discontinuance of the line, which continues to do a good business, despite the reports that it is soon to retire from the field. The Iyo, leaving Yokohama this morning, has between 3,500 and 4,000 tons of freight, more than an average cargo for her, and about 175 passengers.

These vessels are not in the war zone and there is not the slightest danger, it seems to me, of the Russians getting within reach of them. They are kept pretty busy just now over at Port Arthur and Chemulpo.

The steamer Dakota, of J. J. Hill's Oriental line, will be launched on Saturday next at New London, Conn. She is built on the same lines as her sister ship, the Minnesota, and is nearly as long as James Bay bridge. The tonnage is 40,000, and she will carry 22,000 tons of cargo.

Collector Ide, of Port Townsend, is rounding up all the Sound steamers. He has fined the steamers Garland and Prosper $500 each for deficient life-saving apparatus, and has reported the steamers Whatcom and Alice Gertrude for similar defects. The revenue cutters have gone up the Sound to inspect all the steamboats plying in those waters. The inspection shows the utmost disregard for human life on the part of the steamboat owners.

WINES, CORDIALS AND EXTRACTS

of cod liver oil act about the same on a weakened system as a cocktail does on an empty stomach. If any good is accomplished in either case the medical world has yet to find it out. The reason Scott's Emulsion affords effective and permanent relief and cure in all wasting diseases is because it restores health through nourishment, not through alcoholic stimulation.

"JOAN OF ARC" WILL BE GIVEN

Coming Musical Event Promises to Be a Very Successful Affair.

A. R. Gaul's tuneful cantata, "Joan of Arc," will be rendered by the choir of the Centennial Methodist church on Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., under the direction of the choir leader, Mr. Wm. Hicks. On Tuesday last the last practice but one was held, and showed that the chorus have the work well prepared and a first-class performance is assured. A very energetic committee have the arrangements in hand and are sparing no pains to make the concert a financial and musical success.

This is the first time that this choir have prepared so ambitious a work, and they have entered so heartily into the preparation work that success is assured.

The soloists are busy preparing their roles. They will be: Soprano, Mrs. W. E. Green, one of Victoria's most cultured singers; tenor, Mr. H. Ives, and bass, Mr. Gideon Hicks, who is always ready to assist in any work which tends to elevate the popular musical taste.

"Joan of Arc" is an exceedingly meritorious work, and is by no means simple. The choruses are in Mr. Gaul's very best style, and, if anything, even more pleasing than "The Holy City," another of Mr. Gaul's works. The solo work is very taking and a good house will undoubtedly greet the choir on the night of the performance.

Books of words of the cantata are being printed and will be distributed, so that the audience can follow the doings, in musical story, of the heroine, Joan of Arc.

METHODIST WORK AT SOUTH SAANICH

Interesting Times at Third Meeting of the Quarterly Official Board.

The third meeting of the Quarterly Official Board met in the Methodist church last Monday evening. The Rev. T. H. Wright, pastor of the church, presided. There were present the following representatives: D. Lehman, Geo. Jones, W. H. Allison, Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. Etheridge, Alex. McDonald, Mrs. W. N. Copeland, Mrs. McEwan, S. Sidwell, W. J. Pimlott.

Financial reports were presented showing that the mission has made satisfactory progress and is in a healthy condition.

Reports of Sabbath school work were presented by Mrs. Etheridge of Strawberry Vale, and W. J. Pimlott of South Saanich. Mr. Frank Hewitt has been appointed superintendent of North Saanich Sunday school.

Complimentary reference was made to the generous services given by Mrs. W. N. Copeland and Mrs. Etheridge, organists at Sidney and Strawberry Vale, respectively.

A new driving shed has been erected by the members of the Strawberry Vale congregation.

Mrs. Freeland has been appointed organist at South Saanich and is creating greater interest in church services.

Mrs. James McEwen of South Saanich, who represented that congregation served refreshments at the close of the session, an act which was highly appreciated by the members of the Board.

The pastor of the church received a vote of appreciation on the successful work accomplished and the good progress made in all departments of church work during his pastorate.

News From the Northern Capital

Winter Has Been Very Cold Since New Year, But Little Snow.

In Grand Forks Townspeople are Sinking Shafts in Town Lots.

A second paystreak paralleling the first ever discovered on lower Dominion has lately been struck on the benches opposite 235 below lower. James H. Powell, one of the men who made the strike, says:

"The new paystreak is on the third tier. The old paystreak is on the first tier of benches. Both are on the right limit. The theory is that the first tier came out of Gold Run and follows along Dominion. Where the new paystreak originates is a question. Below our claim pay has been struck on the fourth tier.

"The pay that we have in the second paystreak is not high grade, but it is sufficient to warrant pursuing the work. When we began work on our third tier claim we were laughed at by old-timers in the vicinity. The extent of the pay is yet unknown. It may be proven rich.

"George Wittemore is doing well on 13 Gold Run. The claim was worked before by Lucas without success.

"Dominion would not complain if there were more snow for the roads where the wood-haulers operate."

Frank Billo, of Gold Bottom and Miss Louise Arsenault, of Dawson, were married at St. Mary's church yesterday morning. The ceremony was performed at 9 o'clock in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties. Afterwards a wedding breakfast was served to the party in honor of the young married couple by Mrs. Sutherland.

A menacing glacier exists on the government road on Calder. J. W. Raymond, a Quartz miner, who was in the city yesterday, stated that the glacier is one of the most dangerous he has seen in the country, and yet the government has done nothing to reduce or check it.

"The glacier is made passible," says Raymond, "through the efforts of the wood haulers. They cut it down and ditch it in order to get their rigs along the highway."

The fire department spilled out of bed at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. It was 52 below zero, and the boys expected a hard run through the cold and perhaps an ugly fight.

It was not a fire. Some curiously-inclined citizen wanted to know if there had been a fire lately.

Fire Chief Lester was roused with the others, but all had the consolation of knowing that they did not have to turn out.

The board of control of the free library met last night, and decided to permit the French Literary society to use the rooms of the library for their meetings and to circulate their books through the free library.

Stewart has the record for cold today. The registration there at 9 a.m. was 61 below, and a northwest wind was mixed with it. The report from Yukon points by wire today follows:

Fortymile—Clear; calm; 56 below.
Hootalinqua—Clear; calm; 32 below.
Stewart—Clear; light northwest wind; 61 below.
Selwyn—Clear, south wind; 57 below.
Selkirk—Clear; calm; 40 below.
Yukon Crossing—Clear; light north wind; 42 below.
Big Salmon—Cloudy; light northwest wind; 53 below.
Lower Laberge—Foggy; light northwest wind; 45 below.
Ogilvie—Clear; calm; 60 below.
Whitehorse—Clear; calm; 30 below.

The report that was circulated a short time ago that Tommy White found a valise containing $7,000 in gold dust is thought rather funny as it is safe to say that there is not that quantity of dust in circulation in the country at this date. But at any rate this reported $7,000 boiled down amounted to a sum not exceeding $450 and was made up mostly of checks. It was misunderstood, that's all.

Owing to the intense cold weather the Hunker social club has postponed its dance to Tuesday evening, the 18th.

C. Galt and partner, who were working No. 4 below on Bear creek, have "yumped the yob" and have quit the creek.

Last Saturday evening the people of Hunker and Gold Bottom met at Gold Bottom town, from where they proceeded to No. 6 below, where lives Miss Agnes Murray. The lady never dreamed of what was coming. About forty souls were in the crowd of merry makers. The evening was spent in dancing. It will not be said at what hour the guests took their departure.

S. A. D. Bertrand, superintendent of public works in the Yukon, and Arthur Wilson, inspector of territorial licenses, returned last evening in Mr. Bertrand's private rig from a visit to Whitehorse.

Messrs. Wilson and Bertrand were gone three weeks. Mr. Wilson, during his absence made a short run from Whitehorse to Skagway. He reports finding no one violating the liquor laws.

The judgment of Mr. Justice Dugas in Lewin vs. Stark, allowing and continuing an injunction to restrain the defendant from carrying on mining operations on No. 4 above Dominion, in which he held one-half interest and the plaintiff the other half, was reversed on appeal brought by the defendant, and the appeal allowed with costs.

Mining is being carried on extensively at Grand Forks under the houses there. There is every indication that as time passes the owners of the lots will still take greater advantage of their lots holding to engage in mining, and from the present showing it is even possible that many of the lots may have their buildings torn out, the property becoming more valuable for mining than as city property.

The discovery of gold on the townsite of Bonanza in paying quantity was the work of the past summer. Who first dug and washed has not been made known. At present the heaviest digger is Toby, the barber. Toby is fortunate in that his shop is smaller than his lot, and he is able to dig out in the back yard in the intervals between customers. Toby has pay and is now proceeding with the good work of building a dump, using the labor of several men for this purpose.

Speck, who lately acquired the Grand hotel, seems to have had the gold underneath the hotel in view, for immediately upon acquiring his new property he commenced digging and taking out a pay dump, and is at present working the property. It is understood he is doing quite well, the daily pannings promising a goodly clean-up in the spring.

The work the past year has demonstrated the paystreak to run under the entire townsite. The Dewey and Gold Hill hotel sites are included. Unfortunately for the proprietors of the Gold Hill the building covers the entire lot, and there is no opportunity given to sink a shaft without sinking through the dining room floor.

The discovery of the pay brings up the question of rights. The claim, No. 6 above on Bonanza, was originally the property of Frank Berry and Reese. Max Endleman bought the site of the town from the owners of the claim, there being thought to be no gold on that side of the creek at all. On applying to the officials for surface rights for a townsite Max learned that to obtain the grant he would have to forfeit the mining rights he had secured from Berry and Reese. This was done, and title to the lots of the townsite passed to the builders of the town. There is, therefore, no question of the rights of the lots owners to sink as deep as they want, either for wells, basements or for any other purpose. Nor is their right questioned to dispose of their gravel after digging disputed, though no mining rights were included in the deeds of transfer.

Considerable mining activity therefore, is anticipated for the coming summer in the town of Bonanza.

There is more digging this winter than is generally known. Water has just at present interfered with the largest deep diggings, but pumps are being installed, and dumps will be taken out in spite of this element. Three sets of laymen on 3A and 3 Eldorado have been forced to suspend work on their deep diggings after reaching their pay. The lays were let for this second bedrock only. One of the shafts is between sixty and a hundred feet from the famous gusher, but it is not now believed the flooding water is from the gusher, as was first thought.

The second bedrock was found at seventy-five feet, to reach which the laymen passed through thirty-five feet of ground containing gold. It is declared to average up very good pay, single pans having been found washing up $25. Dumps will be taken out as soon as the water has been mastered. In drifting on this second bedrock, the men believed they tapped the old workings of last winter, which would account for the sudden rush of water running them out of their shafts.

That belief is growing that this lower pay is widespread along Eldorado is shown by what is taking place there at the present time. Lays let on this second bedrock are becoming common. The same men who sunk the original deep shaft—now the famous gusher—have taken a second bedrock lay on the left limit of No. 14. Messrs. Granger & Thompson are the men, and they are confident of their ground, and have taken a two years' lay. Their first shaft, the gusher, was 278 feet deep, and they are again intending to find out what is below the consecutive layers of pay they found lower down on the creek. They believe that where they will now sink they will avoid any difficulty with water as experienced in their first attempt.

A lay has also been let on second bedrock on No. 4 to James Fox. The layman is about ready to begin extensive operations there. This is the Antone Stander claim, bought by the "lucky laymen" last year for $15,000. The claim was at that time thought by everyone to have been thoroughly exhausted, but the "lucky laymen" dug from the first bedrock the purchase price in three weeks. The "lucky laymen" achieved considerable fame as the discoverers of the handsome yellow paystreak on 28 above on Bonanza last summer, and which washed out gold every day in coal-oil-cansfuls.

Altogether the work to be done this winter on the second bedrock is considered of vital importance, for if it shall be determined that the lower bedrock carries pay at points so widely apart, mining on Eldorado will be instantly revived.—Dawson Weekly News.

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A Few Steps Higher.—As their advertisement indicates, Jameson's Tea and Coffee House has moved up from 62 to 71 Fort street, next to Terry & Marett's drug store, where they will be pleased to attend to the wants of all who favor them with their patronage in Teas and Coffees. *

Look pleasant and be happy, as the Big Discount Sale of Boots and Shoes is still going on at James Maynard's Boot and Shoe Store, Oddfellow's block, Douglas street. Don't hesitate too long as he who hesitates is lost, and the sale may close suddenly, and your golden opportunity may also be lost of getting your Footwear at the big discount offered by this sale. *

Social at Barracks.—The warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants club at Work Point barracks intend holding a social at Five's Court, Work Point, next Tuesday evening. There will be dancing and music and games.

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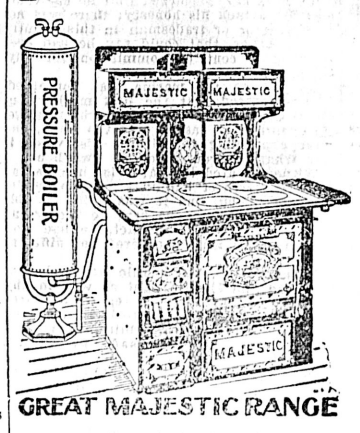

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Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
Ar. Wellington	12:53	Lv. 8:00	Ar. Wellington	7:03	Lv. 3:00

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